Secrets of the MPs who help lobbyists

Views disguised to gain places on committees

CHRIS BLACKHURST Vestminster Correspondent

Lobbyists are encouraging MPs to disguise their true beliefs in the House of Commons to get on to powerful standing committees which amend proposed

legislation Friendly MPs are urged to speak against the interests of lobbyists' clients to be chosen for the committees. Once on the committees the MPs are able to drop their opposition and argue in favour of clients, according

This was part of a strategy set gathering in London of lobby remarks may not be attribsts and executives of some of Britain's biggest companies and organisations. Unknown to the record. I did not speak as if I was speakers, a journalist from the speaking in public Independent was also present.

egy, the country's largest lobbying consultancy, gave them a run-down on the legislative process and key steps towards influencing the path of a bill. After advising them not to ig-

nore Commons select committees - he singled out the Treasury and Civil Service Committee as a body with real power - Mr Burrell moved on to the way Bills reach the statute book.

It was vital, he said, to "supply information and arguments at the crucial moments", such as when a Bill went to a standing committee for further consideration. Membership of such committees is decided by party whips after hearing the Second Reading debate. Mr Burrell said one tactic was "to get your supporters to speak but not sup-port you. Then they might get on to the standing committee. It's a bit machiavellian."

He said the House of Lords was "more satisfying than the House of Commons". It was not easy to get results in the Commons "because of the power of

Lords you can change things? He named key policy-makers for lobbyists to target in an incoming Labour administration: Ed Balls, a senior adviser to Gordon Brown, the Treasury spokesman; David Milliband. head of Tony Blair's policy unit; and Frank Field, influential chairman of the Commons So-

cial Services Committee. Asked by the Independent for examples of MPs who said one thing to get on a standing committee, where they then said another, Mr Burrell angrily to one of Westminster's leading refused. "It was a joke, it was off the record, the whole thing was subject to Chatham House out yesterday before a private . Rules, Private meetings whose uted! The basis I agreed to speak was that it was off the

He added: "The composition Michael Burrell, managing of a standing committee is deof the factors is who speaks on Second Reading so if you're lobbying, and you want your supporters to take part in the committee, it is very important

to get them to speak." When they spoke, they were told to temper their true beliefs. Once chosen to serve on the committee they could discount their earlier view. "If your objective is to make sure your case is heard, you are bound to advise it is put in a moderated way. Then there is a good chance [the MP] will get on the standing

Mr Burrell has run Westminster Strategy since its foun-dation in 1986. His clients have included National Westminster Bank, the General Council of the Bar, the Electronic Industries' Association of Japan and the Corporation of London.

The conference was held at the Kensington Hilton hotel. Among those represented were British Aerospace, Cable & Wireless, the Law Society, Save the Children, Scottish Nuclear, the whips, but in the House of Thorn and Virgin Atlantic.

Blair acts to curb activists' power



SOUN RENTOUL and DONALD MACINTYRE

The pace of Tony Blair's re-lentless modernisation of the Labour Party will accelerate again this morning when the leadership takes powers for the first time to call one member, one vote ballots on key questions of policy and organisation.
Delegates will be asked today

to approve rule changes de-signed to reinforce the power of ordinary members at the excense of activists and could allow the leadership to by-pass the annual conference on controversial issues.

The move follows the decisive wing by delegates yesterday behind the leadership on the economy when Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, made deftly-timed call for a cut in

VAT on fuel. Mr Brown sought to define the boundaries between Labour and Tory tax policy by pledging to make a £480m cut in VAT a manifesto priority if the Chan-

affler, Kameen Clarke, Raled to answer his challenge by re-ducing it in his November bud-

The Shadbw Chancellor reinforced his authority over economic policy in a speech which promised a £1.4bn programme on youth employment, the planto cut fuel VAT to the EU minimum of 5 per cent and claimed the "real divide" was between "unfairness" under the Tories and "fair progressive taxation" under Labour.

The leadership was handsomely rewarded when two leftinspired motions, one calling for specific minimum wage level of £4.15 an hour, and another from the TGWU with a long shopping list of reflationary demands were not even pressed to a vote, while a third calling for renationalisation of the utilities was heavily defeated.

And last night the National Executive Committee's modemising majority was left intact in annual election results was the Inside

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replacement of Jack Straw, shadow Home Secretary, by Marjorie Mowlam, shadow Northern Ireland Secretary.

The largely overlooked rule changes to be debated in Brighton today will provoke criticism from the left that they allow the leadership to go directly over the heads of the conference, but party managers are confident the amendments will be approved.

The provision for hallots of

all members was condemned yesterday by left-wing critics of

oass the annual conference, which is formally the party's sovereign policy-making body. The NEC proposes a new clause giving it "the power to require constituency parties to hold ballots of individual members on such matters as they deem to be ap-

propriate". National Executive proposals say the new clause is "to clarify the existing practice of the NEC on the holding of consultative ballots", although the word "consultative" does not appear in the new clause - givng rise to fears on the left, and hopes among some mod-ernisers - that Mr Blair's ultimate aim is to by-pass the union block vote which will

The amendments write into the Labour rulebook a requirement on local parties to conduct meetings and events in a "friendly and orderly manner". They will also put the party headquarters directly in charge of recruitment and give the

Mr Brown was robust in

warning that there would be no 'pay explosion" under Labour and that inflation and spending would remain firmly under control. He told delegates: "The war against inflation is a Labour war and essential part of our battle against insecurity and

unemployment." The conference successes on

general secretary, Tom Sawyer, prepared his keynote speech togreater authority in enforcing day pledging that the "task of a new generation is to rebuild a new Britain".

But a dissenting note was sounded at a fringe meeting yes-terday by Roy Hattersley, former deputy leader of the party. "I hope in a new world of a new Labour government we can improve pensions, extend child benefit, put the country back to work, build the houses - without any penalty for the BMW the economy came as Mr Blair owners. But I have my doubts."

Electricity chief adds fuel to row over Grid pay-out



MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent

More fuel was added to the squabble over the privatisation. of utilities yesterday when Geoffrey Wilson, chairman of Southern Electric, joined the at-tack on directors of the National Grid who stand to make hundreds of thousands of pounds from a dividend when the company is floated later this year. At the same time, it emerged that four directors of Southern

Electric could themselves gain

IN BRIEF

tional Power goes ahead.

Mr Wilson, who is non-executive chairman, said he has no share options and that he and his wife paid for their 2,000 shares - worth more than £20,000 at National Power's offer of £10.10 per share.

The debate over boardroom excess was intensified by David Jefferies, chairman of National Grid, who said he felt "no

about £1m from shares and options if the planned £2.8bn dividends on his shares when the takeover of the company by Na-

Speaking yesterday from his home in Virginia Water, Surrey, he said: "I feel simply that what I choose to do with the money will be my decision." Mr Jefferies added that he felt "very strongly" that the freedom of the individual shareholder was at stake.

The National Grid Company is owned mainly by the 12 regional electricity companies guilt whatsoever" about the and the dividend they are to re-

ceive is intended to pay for a customer rebate and for tax are also angered at the amount levied by the Government.

that he would have preferred the Grid directors not to take their share of the dividend and that he had made his views clear to them. He joins Seeboard, another regional firm which has heavily criticised Mr Jefferies and his colleagues.

Tim Eggar, energy minister is known to be "incensed" at the decision of the Grid directors not to waive their dividends

of money Mr Jefferies will gain compared with the £50 rebate

for electricity consumers. Mr Jefferies said: "I believe that small shareholders are entitled to a dividend in the same way as large ones. If this principle were to be bridged it could have horrendous consequences for the future." He added that he has not taken any decision about whether to donate his dividend to charity.

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Quality in an age of change

Briton 'butchered tourist' A British fugitive and alleged interna-

tional serial killer weat on trial in Sinsapore charged with killing a tourist and chopping up his body. The prosecution said it would prove John Martin Scripps, who pleaded not guilty to murder, had undertaken and "quickly mastered" butchery during a prison course in **Guns threaten Bihac**

Britain's top two building societies, the Halifax and Nationwide, warned yes-terday against hopes of a rapid recovery in the hous-ing market, despite recording the largest house price rise in more than six

House prices rise

Lottery fund for mine A £125m project to convert a disused colliery site in South Yorkshire into a hitech visitor centre and education complex will receive up to £50m of lottery money in awards announced by the Millennium Commis-Page 16 sion yesterday.

Recall for Ferdinand Les Ferdinand, whose 10 goals this season have put Newcastle on top of the Premiership, has been recalled to the England squad for the match against brought Serb artillery close to squad for the match against the town of Bihac. Page 8 Norway next week. Page 24



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Bishop apologises over sex-case funds Main field at port nuclear protest

ALAN MURDOCH

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Duhlin, Dr Desmond Connell, yesterday apologised publicly if he had misled anyone in denying church funds were used to make settlements in sex

This followed the revelation that his diocese in 1993 had provided Ir£27,500 to a curate, Fr Charles Payne, based at Sulton in Dublin, to reach ao out-ofcourt settlemeot with a former

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Gas hit by

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complaint

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Complaints against British Gas are at an all-time high, accord-

ing to a report by the Gas Con-

sumers' Council, published last

about poor service and falling

standards so far this year - more

than double the figure for the

British Gas admitted last

night that "levels of service fell in the early part of 1995" and

it apologised to customers. The company hlamed the problems on "enormous changes" required by the Gov-

emment's timetable for intro-

ducing competition to the domestic gas market next year.

But it now risks losing the

Government Charter Mark it was awarded for meeting per-

formance targets.laid down by

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Gas Consumers' Council di-

rector Ian Powe, speaking on last night's Watchdog programme on BBC1, said he

would not support British Gas

if it applied for a Charter Mark

staff. They're taking on tem-

poraries who are not of the same level of training - and

there's confusion about who is

extra staff and set up freephone helplines. It said "99.9 per cent"

of its customers had not com-

dealing with what."

in a statement.

"I'm afraid they have paid off far too many of their highly-paid

The report also said that 9,000 families were left at some

the Citizen's Charter,

same period last year.

altar boy who alleged he was sexually assaulted by the priest.
"If people have been misled by what I said in a statement in Mayl I most sincerely apol-

ogise. It was not my intention to mislead, it was not my inteotion to cover up," be said.
"I have acknowledged since that I may have to qualify that in the future. My deepest con-cern has been first of all the pro-tection of children, and

secondly the care and pastoral

care that is required to help peo-ple to overcome the trauma ..."

said the boy was still free to bring a civil or criminal case

Alluding to claims that Fr

Speaking on Irish radio, he said legal constraints linked to possible criminal prosecutions the offending priest must find meant he was fighting his case "with one arm tied behind my his own resources", had been an attempt to "seod a signal to the priests of the diocese" that it

Payne's alleged victim was them to expect the diocese to pay for such settlements. urged to give a verbal commit-ment to silence when the set-He qualified this by saying that where the victim had been tlement was made, Dr Connell seriously injured, the church's "mission of justice and charity" against the diocese. meant he would have to "come The Archbishop said his to the rescue" statement in May that "church

He insisted he had given the

would not be acceptable for

church payment of compensation, and had not dealt directly with the priest involved. Dr Connell said Fr Payne was now "some place we are not

speaking about".

Dr Connell conceded that past failure to deal with of-fending priests meant the church had colluded in criminality. But he said: "We have learned from a very, very painful experience to change the way in which we deal with

A church spokesman said yesterday that the secretary of the Vatican's Congregation of Bishops, Archbishop Jorge Mejia, had discussions on con-troversies affecting the Irish church over the weekend with both Dr Connell in Dublin and with Cardinal Daly, the Catholic primate, in Donegal. But he stressed the main reason for his visit had been to offici-

ate at the ordination in Letterkenny of the oew Bishop of Raphoe, Philip Boyce.

Meanwhile the Bishop of

Ferns, Brendan Comiskey, who last month left his post on a three-month sabbatical, confirmed he was receiving treatment in the United States for alcoholism. Rebutting press speculation that he had been forced out, he stressed the decision to go had been his.

Bishop Comiskey has been at the centre of controversy since June after challenging the Vatican to allow a debate on its rule

of priestly celibacy.

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Holy disorder, Section Two

One man was arrested last night as environmental protesters attempted to prevent two lorries carrying spent nuclear fuel leaving the port of Scrab-ster on the Scottish north coast.

The vehicles had collected the consignment of 52 highlytoxic rods from a German ship before transporting the two 13.5 ton flasks to the Dounreav nuclear plant in Caithoess. where it will be reprocessed early next year.

The Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament attacked the decision to ship the con-signment lu Scrabster, claiming the risk of fierce storms in the North Sea at this time of year had been ignored.

Brain injury award

Lawrence Herring, from Gawcott in Buckinghamshire, who suffered severe brain damage a week after his hirth at Poole General Hospital in Dorset nine years ago, was awarded £1.55m agreed damages against East Dorset Health Authority.

Cell death inquiry

An inquiry is under way after a teenager was found hanging in his cell at Stoke Heath young of fenders' institution in north Shropshire. Christopher Craig Greenaway, 16, from Stoke on-Trent in Staffordshire, had received a nine-month sentenced in August for robbery and failing to surrender.

Advert criticised

The environmental pressure group Greenpeace was not jus-tified in making claims in a newspaper advertisement that chemicals dumped in the sea were a prime suspect in causing male sexual organs to shrink, the Advertising Standards Authority ruled today.

Rally sex attack

Police are hunting a man who sexually assaulted a 26-year-old woman as she walked through a caravan site during a gathering of Harley Davidson motor cycle enthusiasts near Alwinton in Northumberland.

Father charged

Andrew Cartwright, 40, was remanded in custody by mag-istrates at Dudley, West Midlands, charged with murdering his daughter, Emma, 14, whose body was discovered at her home in Kingswinford, on Saturday night.

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Palace raises £3m

Buckingham Palace raised £3m for the restoration of fire-damaged Windsor Castle from opening its doors to the public this summer. A total of 413,000 people toured the Palace state rooms during the 56 open days, compared with 420,000 during 57 open days in 1994.

Rapist jailed

A man who raped a 19-year-old church missionary and then in-decently assaulted her housemate was jailed for 12 years by a judge at Preston Crown Court Darren Small, 25, from Belfast, who was staying with a friend in Lancashire at the time of the attacks, admitted rape and indecent assault.

Crash bike stolen

A thief stole a crashed motorbike as the rider lay injured after hurtling through a chip shop window at Station Town in Durham. The motorcyclist, Wayne Iley, 18, of Shotton Col-liery, Durham, is recovering in hospital in Hartlepool after suffering neck and facial injuries

Bill linked to deaths A £2,800 bill from the Child Support Agency may have been the final straw that led Phillip Mitchell, 36, of Northwich, Cheshire, to kill himself and his four children, police confirmed as the Cheshire coroner opened

and adjourned an inquest into the five deaths.

Ecstasy remand Magistrates at Blackpool remanded Julian Holmes, 24, of Cononley, North Yorkshire; Mark Harris, 25; Christopher Mark Harris, 25: Christopher Loughrey, 18, and Jason Wild, 24, all from Blackpool, in cus-tody on charges in concection with the supply of ecstasy in the resort where a 17-year-old boy died from the drug last week.

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Speaking terms: Irish PM John Bruton, left, and Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble after their historic meeting in Dublin yesterday

Irish leaders shake hands across a 30-year divide

ALAN MURDOCH

Dozens of curious faces crowd-The company said that when service levels fell, it hrought in ed around eagerly to watch as the new leader of the Ulster Unionist Party sat down beneath the portrait of Catholic emancipator Daniel O'Connell in Duhlin's Mansion House, home of the Lord Mayor, to sign the visitors' book.

We are proud of our Char-ter Mark which reflects our previous high level of customer He smiled but betraved oo hint of mischief as he wrote: "David Trimhle, Lisburn, Coun-ty Antrim, UK". It was his service and we believe we should retain the award," it said

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strongest statement in a day of deht the Irish Republic is in no Mr. Bruton's claim lest Friday position. But in stating that his tentative handshakes and controlled language.

The first meeting between an Irish Prime Minister and an Ulster Unionist leader in Dublin's Fianna Fail members, together Government Buildings, and the with Mary O'Rourke, Ray first formal contact at this level since Terence O'Neill held sway in Stormont 30 years ago, hegan with the Ulsterman

marking the Southerners' card.
Accompanied by his deputy
leader John Taylor, and security spokesman Ken Maginnis, by spokesman Neu waguning Mr Trimble hosted a reception to launch a 50-page Unionist leaflet - An Economics Lesson for Irish Nationalists and Republicans - which argues that with a IR£30bn (£31bn) foreign

financial state to afford a united Ireland.

The guest list included the normally vociferous nationalist Burke and other ex-cahinet ministers. All trooped in, cheerfully swallowing their ideologies for the occasion. Orange and green, in the shape of Mr Trimhle and Fianna Fail leader Bertie Ahern - after a nervous

that a breakthrough enabling all-party talks to begin was "tantalisingly" close. "I wouldn't use that word," he cautiooed. Later, Mr Ahern said Mr Trimhle seemed not to believe that

the talks could begin this year. The Taoiseach's optimism had become more guarded since Friday. He said there was no value in setting dates for all-party talks which could themselves become an inhibition, but pause — shook hands on the Mansion House steps.
Over lunch with the Irish Prime Minister, John Bruton, Mr Trimble discussed progress on the peace process, but, on emerging, declined to endorse selves become an inhibition, but said: "More people are talking to other people than was the case a few months ago... inexorably we are moving towards an all-inclusive dialogue." He added: "On the arms issue, Mr Trimble avoided taking a firm

views were well-known, he offered no hint of diluting his demand that IRA weapons be decommissioned before Sinn Fein could enter all-party talks."

He cited the terms of Paragraph 10 of the Downing Street Declaration, that "people establish their commitment to exclusively peaceful methods... they've got to prove that they are committed, and it is very difficult to see how that can be done without satisfactorily re-

solving the weapons issue". Mr Trimble said the talks had been "much more positive and constructive" than those beld during the Dublin Castle contacts in 1992. He also exchanged

views with the two Dail Opposition leaders, Mr Ahern and Mary Harney of the centre-right Progressive Democrats. The sizeable Unionist dele-

gation created a more positive mood over the lunch, suggesting areas of greater communication, and hinting at Unionist entry soon into the British-Irish Parliamentary body, which they have until now boycotted in profest at the 1985 Anglo-Irish Agreement.

One loud Unionist voice was missing however. From Belfast, the Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley rejected Mr Trimble's detente with the South as "futile" and warned that it "could weaken the union".

Porton Down to check on illicit weapons trade

TOM WILKIE Science Editor

Porton Down, the Ministry of Defence's chemical and biological research centre, is to play a leading role in verifying that British companies are not illegally making or exporting chemical weapons.

But the Government plans to exempt the Wiltshire centre from legislation making chemical weapons illegal. The only public scrutiny of Government departments will be through ministerial accountability to Parliament. The Government has taken

the unusual step of publishing draft legislation before introducing the Bill to Parliament. The deadline for comments on the draft expires this weekend. However experts say the leg-islation is not tough ecough to

measure up to the international Convention on Chemical Weapons and may lead to dif-ficulties. Nicholas Sims, of the London School of Economics, said "most of the elements of national implementation of the CWC are ... absent from the draft bill."

Just 10 civil servants within the Department of Trade and Industry are to be responsible for monitoring more than 500 companies and 2,000 sites which employ lethally toxic chemicals that have a dual militarycivilian use. The civil servants will constitute the "national authority" required by the CWC, which is supposed to keep track of the movements of all these chemicals and to in-

vestigate any discrepancies.
Porton Down's military experts will advise and assist the "national authority" in monitoring scieotific developments that might lead to new types of

According to Professor Julian Perry Robinson of the University of Sussex, this raises two that CBDE [Porton Down] is not unduly selective in what it chooses to tell the national authority - that it does not hold back information about, for example, some attractive new chemical-weapons possibility." In 1975, he said, the US Senate discovered that the CIA's Technical Services Divisioo had retained stocks of a toxic weapon in hreach of the Biological Weapons Convention.

The second problem was whether Porton actually has the requisite reach into the in-dustrial, academie and other worlds where there is leading-

Murdered girl could

Murder squad detectives were

whose decomposed body was found covered with branches on moors near Bingley, West York-shire, may have led a double life. Nobantu, who liked to be known as Mandy, had oot been



have led a double life

yesterday questioning friends and relatives of a 15-year-old girl after her body was found at a secluded beauty spot.
Police say Nobantu Zani,

reported missing because her South African mother thought she was staying with a friend. The teenager had not been seen since 11 September and police believe she was strangled

soon after that date - with her

own chiffon scarf.

Mandy regularly played truant from Buttershaw Upper School in Bradford, and had not been seen at home since 9 Sep-tember. Her family have no idea where she had been staying.

Police believe her friends could hold vital clues to her death, and her closest friend has been asked to draw up a list of people who may be able to shed light on her life away from

Detective Superintendent Tony Whittle, leading the inquiry, said: "It may be that she was living some kind of double life. Her mother, until we spoke to her, had no idea that anything

Court computers in countdown to chaos

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derstand the phrase and need-

CHRIS MOWBRAY

A special programme is being written into a new government computer system to prevent thousands of non-existent criminal court cases being called for trial all over the country on the last day of the 20th century.

The Lord Chancellor's department is implementing the scheme to prevent legal chaos caused because ageing court computers cannot speak Latin or understand the concept of computers nearly 25 years ago, magistrates' clerks discovered

The problem surrounds the

use of the ceoturies-old legal term "sine die" in the 500 magistrates courts in England and Wales when cases are, in effect, adjourned forever.

The phrase, which means "without date", is used in cases where a defendant has not been acquitted, but where the court believes the charge is too minor to be dealt with or the defendant cannot be traced. Its use is particularly common for minor motoring offences.
When they first started using

ed to adjourn the cases to an actual date. Because the early computers could not recognise dates after 2000. clerks in many areas adopted the practice of ad-

journing "sine die" cases until the last date at their disposal -31 December 1999. This means that on 30 December 1999 the courts' administrative systems are in danger of being overwhelmed as computers suddenly recog-nise that several years' worth of phantom cases are due for hearing the following day. The size of the problem is un-

known because of the courts' huge annual workload of two million cases and because some clerks may have discovered a different way of dealing with it.
Unconfirmed estimates suggest, however, that some inner-

city courts may each have as many as 25,000 on file. It is exacerbated because there are at least five totally different computer systems with-

in the courts network. "When the first systems were

introduced 25 years ago, the last day of 1999 was still a long way off and it did not matter if these cases were adjourned until that date," one of the computer ex-perts trying to solve the prob-lem said. "It is only just over four years away and we have got to do something about it. Fortunately, computer software has advanced and the courts will not have to record false dates under the new system."

The new programme is part of the software for the Magistrates Courts Standard system which is costing about £60m.

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A £125m project to convert a disused colliery site in South Yorkshire into a high-tech visitor centre and education complex will receive up to £50m of nounced by the Millennium Commission yesterday.

The grant will help create the Earth Centre, a state of the art centre for environmental research and sustainable technology, oo the 142-hectare site at Conisbrough, oear Doncaster.

Annooncing £109m in awards to 54 projects oationwide, Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for National Heritage, hailed the Earth Centre as "the largest education complex built in the UK since the Victorian museums of South Kensington".

She added: "It is a truly innovative project, constructed on eotirely sustainable and ecologically-frieodly principles. This project offers the UK the potential to become a world leader in informatioo on sustainable technology."

A second major scheme unveiled was the regeneration of Portsmouth harbour, which will receive £40m towards its £86m cost. The scheme's backers hope to create an international maritime arena for locals and visitors. "The project will bring new life and activity to the whole of this historic sea front, could regenerate the entire region and is an exciting and imaginative use of Millennium Commission funds," Mrs Bot-

The first stage of an ambitious plan to re-forest huge areas of Scotland was also given the green light as Mrs Bottomley, chairwoman of the Millennium Commission, listed a further 52 awards, totalling £19m. The Millennium Forest for Scotland will receive a grant of £5.75m towards its total

granted to the principle of the entire project, which could cost £100m and would eventually double the country's forests.

The first stage involves 45 separate sites throughout Scotland, from Orkney to industrilottery money in awards an- al Lanarkshire, covering a combined area equivalent to 64 square miles. Half will be new woodland and half will be regenerated and reclaimed from existing areas. It aims to restore the native broadleaf and conifer woodlands which once covered moch of the country

Barbara Kelly, chairwoman of the Millennium Forest for Scotland Initiative, welcomed the grant: "The new woodlands will provide not only great scenic beauty but play a vital part in Scotland's culture and environment, its education and economy."

Other awards included £5.3m towards a £13m trans-Pennine trail for cyclists and walkers, and £4.3m to help with the £9.5m restoration of railway link between Porthmadog and Caernarfoo in North Wales, first established more than 160

Yesterday's grants follow the announcement in August of a total of £66.5m to various Milleanium projects, the biggest of which was a £42.5m cycle route throughout the UK. Mrs Bottomley described the winners as "exciting and trail-blazing" and she invited applications for the next round of awards. At the Labour Party confer-

ence in Brighton, the possibility was raised of a Labour government taking away the running of the lottery from Camelot and giving it to a oonprofit making organisation.

A consortium chaired by Lord Young of Graffham plans. to turn Shell's famous Downstream building on London's South Bank into a national performing arts institute. An application to the Arts Council Lottery Board for a feasibility £11.5m cost. Approval was study will be announced today.



Field of dreams: The slag heap at Cadeby pit, in South Yorkshire, that is to be transformed into a £125m Earth Centre for the millennium lag heap makes way for world of grape trees

Locals already had a vague **Jonathan Foster** reports on an innovative concept granted £50m of lottery aid

1. The Earth Centre, Conisbrough, or Doncaster, South Yo Grant of up to £50m towards a £125m project to establish a world centre for environmental research and sustainable technologics. 2. The Millennium Cycle Route. £42.5m towards a £1.83m project to create 2,500-mile cycle route

Top Six Millennium Commission Awards

throughout the UK.

3. Renalssance of Portsmouth Harbour
£40m for an £86m harbour development which will create an international maritime leisure complex. ternational maritime leisure complex.

4. The Groundwork Foundation.

£22.1m for up to 21 projects in England and Waters and a complex theme reclaiming wasteland, to improve the local engineers benefit local people through community schemes.

5. The Millennium Forest for Scotland.

Potential grant of £5.75m towards an £11.5m series of 45 projects to extend native woodland and conserve wildlife in Scotland.

6. Trans Pennine Trail.

£5.33m for a £13m, 714km route for walkers and cyclists linking Merseyside with Humberside.

The Millennium Commission has announced grants totalling £175.5m towards 81 projects nationwide.

awareness of strange goings-on down at Cadeby pit, and yesterday the Government dispelled confusion. It will not be a new Asda, but the third mil-

lennium instead. Few projects of such startling originality can have a more improbable location than the Earth Centre, which yesterday won a £50m grant from the National Lottery, via the Millennium Commission.

The centre will seek to germinate development for the post-industrial age by researching and teaching new technologies that can accommodate the human race without destroying the planet.

for Whitehall-funding of a mu-Great Exhibition of ecology, was transform 350 acres of slag expansion plans by the two a practical demonstration, an seum, the centre makes no hatched in 1989 by Jonathan heap and dirty rivers. In their Sheffield universities could turn exemplar to the world." Smales, a former director of apologies for its millennarian quest to be "a world class edu-Greenpeace. Mr Smales origicational mitiative and an nally wanted the centre to be essential new tool in securing a built at Canary Wharf, in Docksustainable future based on a lands, east London. But the regreen renaissance of society, sponse in the capital was muted economy and industry".

All this in Denaby, a South and Mr Smales found unbridled enthusiasm in the Dearne Val-Yorkshire pit village without a ley public and private sectors for

> structioo in London of the great Victorian museums. The total cost of completing the centre by 2000 is estimated

> a project he likens to the con-

place will rise three striking pavilions, examples of innovative architecture. The Ark, the Sustainable Futures Centre and the Sustainable Science and Industry Gallery are forecast to

attract 2.5m visitors in 2000. Mr Smales anticipates new, green technology industry will develop in the valley, inspired by the innovatioo boastfully promoted by the centre. About 800 jobs will be provided at the the Dearne into a sustainable variant of silicon valley. The project list is exhaustive:

humane and organic farming; simulated rides inside forests and giant mammais; "clean" buses; advanced water transport; nature reserves; sustainable methods of manufacturing and power geoeration. Sir Crispin Tickell, former

UK ambassador to the UN and president of Earth Ceotre, said centre, but the spin-off from industrial development and the project would collect "a convoy of ideas". Sir Crispin, a se-

nior government adviser on sustainability, said Denaby could influence policy. "The On one level an application sustainable development, a ing private and EU investors to education projects including thing we have always lacked is

Denaby, in the shadow of Ivanhoe's castle, was yesterday awakening to the stirrings at the colliery site. "All I know is it's got grape trees in it." ooe local said. Now £50m of government money is making even sceptics believe that the contaminated ground will be cleansed and the ancient woodland of the valley reach down again to the rivers.

And for those who would have preferred an Asda, the centre will also sell meat, fish and vegetables.

Children more upset by 'real' TV violence

CHARLES ARTHUR Technology Correspondent

Children find violence in news programmes and nature documeotaries more upsetting than in video games or films, ac-cording to new research. Almost nine in 10 children aged between 13 and 18 have seen videos with "18" certificates, and only one-third said they found the violence upsetting.

But 82 per cent of the children interviewed by Guy Cumberbatch, senior lecturer in apmore upsetting than in videos or frightening they find it." computer games.

The research, involving 305 children aged between 13 and 18, backs up work to be pub-Allerton, a researcher at the Institute of Education, which found that children find TV violence in real-life programmes the most worrying because they

ference between fantasy and re-

Mr Allerton believes that efforts to increase regulation of videos, put forward by a number of child psychologists, nolished later this year by Mark tably Elizabeth Newson, are misplaced. Last year Ms Newson wrote to MPs saying that she felt a "steady diet" of violent videos and films would deaden children to its effects in real life.

However, Mr Allerton said: "Children can tell the dif- "It's plain to everybody that those measures are not going to

plied psychology at Aston Uni-versity, found violence in oews altrights," Mr Allerton said. "The more real an image is, the more access to all sorts of media. Rather than making these things into forbidden fruit, we should be teaching children to grow up to be critical viewers

pit, its human resources de-

moralised and impoverished

since the day on the picket line

10 years ago when the miners

The idea for an example of

knew their battle was lost.

that they find scary." In the Aston research, 63 per cent of the children said they had oever been upset by violence in films or videos, and 72 per cent said there was a difference between violence in videos and in real life. For computer games, the figures were 93 per cent and

83 per cent. "Children don't find fiction frightening, or if they do, they often enjoy it: people like horror films," said Mr Allerton.

However, his work has found that news programmes from war zoners and wildlife documenwho can deal with something taries in which animals kill each other can be more traumatic for children than videos.

His survey found that children regulated their own viewing and distinguished carefully between images they find "pleasurably" frightening and truly

English apples face a crunch

As many as half of Britain's ap-ple farmers will go bust if the flood of cheap French apples goes unchecked, according to representatives of English apple sellers. Cut-price French apples, snubbed by Europe protest at nuclear tests in the Pacific, have been dumped in Britain, undercutting native

Germany and Scandinavia are boycotting the French ap-ples, forcing the perishable goods into Britain at rock bottom prices. Malcolm Schofield, managing director of the Eng-

lish Fruit Company, said: "Our market is being destabilised by a flood of French apples at ridiculously low prices which don't even cover the cost of productioo. They are dumping their apples on our market."

Mr Schofield, whose company represents more than half of English apple sellers, claims unwitting shoppers who would oormally opt for a Cox are being lured by cut-price Golden Delicious apples.

Customers over here just see French apples as good value for money. They don't realise that British apples.

if this goes on much longer we could see half of the apple growers in this country go out

of husiness," he said. David Browning, chairman of English Apples and Pears Ltd. also claimed British shoppers were being set up as "fall guys".
"The English Cox is the oumber one dessert apple and it will be the main casualty", he said.

Mr Schofield is spearheading a British apple invasion in Europe. Oo Saturday he met German importers in Cologne to persuade them to buy surplus

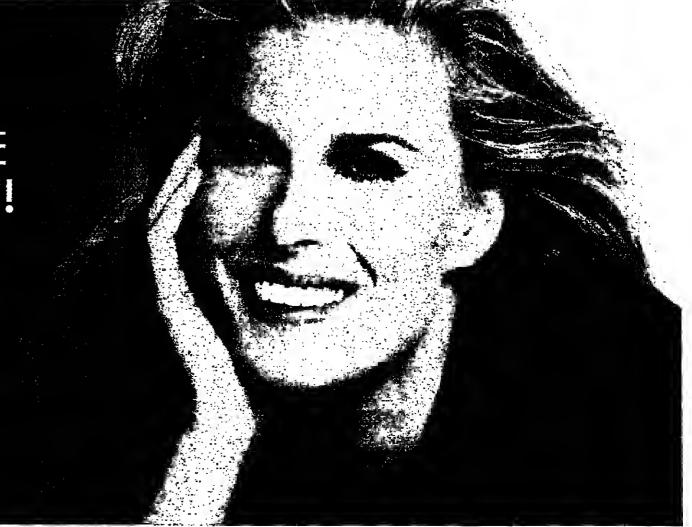
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Brown warns left 'no shopping lists'

STEPHEN GOODWIN Parliamentary Correspondent

Gordon Brown yesterday warned the Brighton conference that there would "no pay explosions" under a Labour gov-ernment and no "shopping lists"

of irresponsible commitments. We will not build the new Jerusalem on a mountain of dcbt," the shadow chancellor said at the start of a day-long debate on the economy.

But he balanced the stern message with an aim to cut VAT on gas and electricity, a commitment to a publicly-run railway network and a promise to spend £1hn on getting young people into work.

Some 600,000 young people were out of work today, Mr Brown said. Many of them were rootless, some homeless and all of them poor. "If this betrayed generation - the generation of Thatcher's children, now Major's young forgotten unemployed - cannot be rescued from years, perhaps a lifetime, of unemployment and the risk of eventual unemployability,

dreds and thousands of wasted lives will weigh down our econ-omy and divide our society for another 40 years.'

Mr Brown said a Labour government would introduce a £75 a week incentive to help the long-term unemployed back to work, release capital from coun-cil house sales, improve childcare provision, and give small businesses VAT relief on taking on workers.

Under Labour, no young person would spend years with-out a job, he insisted. "Our plan is nothing less than to abolish youth unemployment."
Mr Brown said he would not

make promises he could not keep or plans he could not pay for. The programme for young people would cost £1bn in the first year, paid for by a levy on the windfall profits of privatised utilities. It would include an environmental task force and the abolition for 18- to 24-year olds of the "iniquitous" 16-rule which limits the time they can spend on training courses while receiving benefit

In a well-received attack on the Conservatives and their "crude and wasteful dogma of the free-for-all", Mr Brown said mass poverty could not be privatised away nor urban squalor deregulated away.

"It is the same flawed ideology and bankrupt morality greed, waste and short-termism
— which has brought us everything from the disgrace of the
£1,000-a-question Tory MPs, the squalid procession of Tory ex-ministers on the make in the City, and the scandal of lottery money going to Eton when it should go to every school."

Promising the party would try to stop rail privatisation, Mr Brown said that behind the carve-up of BR into some 70 companies was the search for directorships by retiring Tory MPs. "Boardroom seats are the last seats they'll ever be selected for," he said.

Cautioning on the need for prudence, he said the 1945 Labour government was remembered not for how much it spent but for the wisdom of its investment in Britain's future.
"I want our Labour government remembered not as a hig spender but as a wise spender.

Harman figures way out of minimum wage trap

The threat of damaging con-ference split over a national minimum wage evaporated when constituency delegates agreed not to push a minimum figure of £4.15 an hour to a vote, writes Stephen Goodwin.

Setting the rate would be the task of a low pay commission, in consultation with trade unions and employers, following a Labour election victory.

Welcoming the decision of Edinburgh Central CLP not to press the figure, Harriet Harman, Labour's employment spokeswoman, said the minimum wage had moved on from being a symbol to become practical policy, "There was a clear spirit of unity and agreement that what we have done is toughen up our policy ready for government," she said.

The party is to set up a preparatory group to study wage

IN BRIEF

Kev's true colours

Sporting a red jacket, Kevin

Keegan showed his true colours yesterday when the Newcastle

United manager played away at

the Labour Party conference in Brighton, writes Colin Brown. "Tony Blair is a breath of

fresh air for me." he said after

a fringe meeting organised by the Fontball Association. Kee-

gan's millionaire boss, Sir John Hall, is a strong Conservative

supporter and John Major vis-

ited his club only a fortnight ago.

was a staunch Labour man. He

was a miner and a strong union

man. It's in my blond. I can re-

member him throwing the

Tories out of the house when

they wanted to use it as a can-

"Old Labour" faces over-

whelming defeat as Arthur

Scargill attempts to resurrect the

pro-nationalisation Clause Four

of the party constitution, writes

Barrie Clement. Some of

Labour's biggest affiliates,

which opposed reform, are ex-

pected to vote against a tradi-

tionalist motion tabled by Mr

Scargill, president of the Na-

tional Union of Mineworkers.

vassing office."

About face

But Keegan said: "My father

floors in other countries, con-sult, and ensure a mechanism is a message of despair and we totally reject it. Our goals are in place to implement the policy as soon as the commission has decided on a rate.

Moving the £4.15 composite motion, Jane Saren, of Edinhurgh Central, said the £8,000 a year it added up to "pales into insignificance beside the telephone number salaries of the chiefs of the privatised utilities". Setting a figure would be a commitment to the difference a Labour government would make, Ms Saren said.

However, after persuasive speeches from Ms Harman and delegates, she agreed to remit the motion. Ms Harman promised Labour would legis-late for a minimum wage but said the conference could not

totally reject it. Our goals are full employment and an end to poverty pay. With Labour, they will go hand in band."

After campaigning for £4 an hour at the TUC conference last month, Bill Morris, general secretary of the TGWU, repeated his call for a minimum wage but did not mention the controversial figure.

But Kumar Sandy, of Welwyn and Hatfield, criticised the "do not disturb" message of Labour image makers. "If we don't name our figure, bow can we ever convince traditional voters that there is any substance behind the rhetorie?"

In another positive move for the party leadership, the conference rejected a motion callboth have genuine consultation and set a figure. "The Tory message of a low paid job or no job telephone industries."



Cash point: Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, addressing the conference yesterday

banned to prevent academic se-

Hattersley spells out conditions to end schools rift

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Roy Hattersley, former deputy leader of the Labour Party, "Thousands of party mem-last night demanded three bers - very few of them exin the party over Tony Blair's plans for education. Mr Hattersley challenged

retary, David Blunkett, to give reassurances to the conference Labour conference. in the keynote education debate

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

Labour modernisers and right-

wingers retained their grip on

the ruling national executive

committee in yesterday's annual

Jack Straw, the home affairs

spokesman, fell victim to a rule

change to boost the number of

women in top party posts which saw Mo Mowlam, the shadow

Northern Ireland secretary,

While the sprinkling of left-

wingers across all three sections

of the 24-strong executive ex-

ecutive remains a distinct mi-nority, the two left wing MPs

who retained their places in the

constituency section - Dennis

Skinner, MP for Bolsover, and

Diane Abbott, MP for Hackney

North & Stoke Newington - im-

Another feature of the results

was the improved position of Gordon Brown, the shadow

chancellor, moving up from third place to second. David

Blunkett, under fire from some

proved their vote.

elected for the first time.

Political Correspondent

tomorrow, to end splits which emerged after the publication of the policy document "Diversity and Excellence".

pledges to end the splits with-in the party over Tony Blair's were offended both by the tone and content of Diversity and Excellence," Mr Hattersley told a Labour's shadow education sec-fringe meeting of the Socialist Educational Association at the

Forty constituency Labour

tions to the conference, calling for the abolition of grant-maintained schools. The anger in the party at the leadership policy over GM schools is likely to emerge with a composite opposing Labour's policy. The

urged its rejection.

Mr Blair has been sharply criticised for softening Labour opposition to GM schools after

Modernisers retain hold in NEC poll

party's national executive has

parties bave submitted resolu- London Oratory, which has time after time this summer and lection by pre-entry interviews GM status.

Labour plans to rename GM schools "foundation schools", and allow them to keep some of their independence, alongside existing comprehensives, known as "community schools".

Mr Hattersley dismissed the idea they could have different but equal status. He said: "If they are the same, why do we assurances: that most funding bother to make the distinc-

I still have not got an answer. of pupils and parents will be "All I get is a red herring lection being replaced by "social selection"; and all parents in an area should be balloted

about church schools. But in the hope of uniting the party, I hope we can rally round the absolute minimum necessary to confirm that the comprehensive idea is alive and well."

Mr Hattersley called on Mr Blunkett to give the following. will be allocated to the schools sending his son, Euan, to the tion? I have asked the question with the greatest need; that se-

ing to get better representation

poll in the women's section.

Joan Lestor, the "soft" left

overseas aid spokeswoman, also

■ The new executive: Union section

Dan Duffy, TGWU (3,700,000 votes); Di-

ana Holland, TGWU (3,685,000); Ver-

non Hince, RMT (3,685,000); John

Mitchell, GPMU (3,683,000); Mary Turn-

er, GMB (3.659,000); Maggle Jones,

Unison (3,639,000); Margaret Wall, MSP

(3,611,000); Alan Johnson, CWU

(3,607,000); Bill Connor, Usdaw (3,594,000); Nigal Harris, AEEU (3,571,000); Richard Rosser, TSSA (2,955,000); Christine Wilde, Unison

(1,488,000). Socialist Societies - John

Evans (43,000). Constituency Labour

Parties - Robin Cook (85.670); Gordon

Brown (79,371); David Blunkett (75,984);

Harriet Harman (69,092); Dennis Skin-

uer (64,288); Marjorie Mowlam (53,578);

Diane Abbott (45,653). Women (results

as percentage of total east) - Margaret

Beckett (18.73 per cent); Joan Lestor

(18.28 per cent); Diana Jenda (17.84 per

cent); Clare Short (17.15 per cent); and

Brenda Etchells (14.68 per cent).

kept her place.

Margaret Beckett, spokeswoman for health, topped the

when grammar schools are incorporated into the system. "I do not pretend that they 12,685,000 children at a rate of would make me an enthusiast for Diversity and Excellence. Nothing which created two distinct sorts of secondary schools

about 3p off the basic 25p rate can ever be that," he said. of income tax. Davies supporters to

Prescott rebuked on child benefit

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Gordon Brown yesterday dis-tanced himself from plans to tax child benefit and warned leadership colleagues not to pre-empt a review by Donald Dewar, the party's social security spokesman.

His remarks amounted to a mild rebuke for John Prescott. the deputy leader, for fuelling the speculation that Labour will tax child benefit. Mr Prescott said it would be

one way of targeting the benefit on those who needed it while maintaining Labour's key commitment to child benefit as a universal payment.
The Shadow Chancellor yes-

terday said he had not com-mitted Labour to taxing the benefit. Challenged about Mr Prescott's remarks on BBC Ra-dio, he said: "What John Prescott and I have both said is we will look at the report of the Social Justice Commission, It recommended that there is a case for taxing child benefit.
"Donald Dewar is looking at

the conclusion of that report at the moment. He will be reporting soon and until he has made the report, I am not going to prejudge it."

There is no doubt that

Labour intends to target the benefit. Tony Blair, the Labour leader, said last week: "I don't think anyone disputes that those earning large sums of money don't really need to have child benefit".

The Child Poverty Action Group has attacked the taxation plan as "unintelligent". The development of separate taxation for husbands and wives could create embarrassing anomalies if child benefit was taxed.

Sources close to Mr Brown cited the example of a woman earning £25,000 who would pay tax on child benefit, but a housewife who was not earning could escape tax, even if her busband earned £200,000.

Taxing it would also prove so expensive, it may not be worth the controversy it would cause. Tax would save only £40m or 0.65 per cent of the £6.1bn annual bill for the benefit.

Breaching the independent taxation rule and treating child benefit as a couple's income would save £300m, or less than 5 per cent of the total bill.

Means-testing could underretain it as a universal benefit."It will still be universal benefit paid

to mothers. The question is can we claw that back through tax? There will be no going back on inde-pendent tax. The difficulties

could prove insurmountable. said the Labour source. Child benefit is paid for all £10.40 for the oldest child and £8.45 for other children at a cost of £6.1hn - the equivalent of

seek review of ban

Labour was last night bracing it-self for a fresh round of protests called the "indifference" of the from supporters of Liz Davies, who will attempt to get her banning as parliamentary candidate for Leeds North East sent back to the national executive, writes

Patricia Wynn Davies. The planned move in this morning's debate on the con-troversial blocking of the leftwing Islington councillor could turn heavily on the attitude of the big unions. While the TGWU pledged its support for Ms Davies yesterday, Unison withheld it. With the AEEU and the GMB likely to back the report, the attempted rebuff of the leadership could founder.

Delegates have no right to throw out the report on a vote, hut a successful attempt to "refer back" the report would exacerbate party embarrassment when it had hoped to have dampened down the issue. If it succeeds, however, the NEC can simply reach the same decision to withhold endorsement as a

leadership, Alan Simpson, MP for Nottinghamshire South and a member of the left-wing Campaign Group of MPs, said: "It's not back me or sack me. It's back me or shove off.'

Disputing comments by Tony Blair in a Guardian interview yesterday, Ms Davies said her politics were identical to more than those of 20 other Labour MPs. "Tony Blair has no grounds for suggesting that I would not support a Labour government in a situation of difficulty'. I resent this smear."

The Tory party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, urged Tony Blair to drop Dawn Primarolo from his Treasury team be-cause she; like Ms Davies, had refused to pay the poll tax.

A Labour spokesman said: "The NEC made it clear that Liz Davies was an unsuitable candidate because of a period of years of political history, rather than a specific issue."

Old guard battle against spin as utility players call the shots itage spokesman, made his bid where the real action was. Such a corner shop when a superstore vassers ("if you reply within sevfor Labour's big idea. "Under as in the village of special inopens up the road, the Fabian en days." purred the corner shop when a superstore en days." purred the corner shop when a superstore opens up the road, the Fabian en days."

Changing places: Jack Straw, left, who lost his NEC place, and Mo Mowiam, elected

place. The third woman, Har-

fourth place.
Mr Straw said he had ex-

pected the result - although the

votes had been cast prior to his

riet Harman, retained last year's

who polled fewer votes than Ms
Mowlam, would have lost her
women on the NEC and I am

controversial speech on "sque-egy merchants" and aggressive said: "We are serious about try-

it," he said.

You would think from the me-dia previews that the whole of Brighton had been taken over by the Tony Blair circus, presently pitching its big top on the prom, Presco the clown ready to take centre stage as always.

But there are still people to be spotted about the town not wearing Armani, their pockets unencumbered by mobile phones, going about their business apparently impervious to the public relations activity spinning around them. People like Tony Benn, for instance. He sat at the back of the conference hall as New Labour went



through its first morning, watching the activity on the hi-tech platform (colour scheme pink with grey fringes), face longer than a composite motion. His eyes almost rolled ont of the top of his head as Chris Smith, her-

itage spokesman, made his bid for Labour's big idea. "Under Labour, lottery funds will be used for a Millennium Archive, downstairs of the conference downstairs of the centre. Here was a taste of the centre. Here was a taste of the conference centre. Here was a taste of the conference centre. The conference centre is a single conference centre is a single conference centre. The conference centre is a single conference cent digitally-stored access to the country's greatest treasures," said Smith.

The light murmur that greet-

activists for shifting policy on grant maintained schools,

dropped from second to third.

Like last year, Robin Cook, the

shadow foreign secretary and

chairman of the national poli-

cy forum, topped the poll. Mr Straw lost his place be-

cause three of the seven votes

for the constituency section

had to be cast for women. In the

ed Smith suggested the conference wasn't sure this would deliver the keys to Number 10. In fairness, there may have been better chance of applause for Smith's call for "real electronic democracy" were the hall not less than a quarter full at the time. The delegates, it seemed, plonk. "And if you can't guess, preferred to be elsewhere, just have a drink anyway." Like

New Labour: the privatised water companies had a stall, and British Airways and British Nuclear Fuels, all offering information about how they were run in the national interest. The biggest scrum for information, however, was around the Sainsbury's kiosk. "Guess the grape and win a bottle", said a woman

handing out free beakers of

kilos of costume jewellery) was unable to compete with information like that.

delighted that Mo is going on

erniser, said: "I am very pleased

to have the chance to be a mem-

ber of the NEC." Strongly back-

Ms Mowlam, a Blairite mod-

It is on the fringe, away from the stage-managed rally on the platform, that you imagine you would find the kind of talk to make Tony Benn smile. Except even here, the spin doctors were in control. Peter Mandelson hosted the biggest meeting of the opening day, handing out leaflets recruiting new can-

will be entered into a draw for a special gift personally signed You may have read over the

summer that I am a great believer in media manipulation." said Mr Mandelson, opening the meeting. "Well that is true." He then asked all representatives of the media to leave the

room so he could spin in private. Meanwhile, back in the hall, there was one moment when the old did its best to bat against the spin. A delegate urged that British Gas be brought back into

public ownership as soon as Labour won the election. "I see old people in tears all the time because they cannot afford the prices charged to line millionaires' pockets," he said, words which Tony Benn greeted like old friends.

There was a hint that the delegate might not get his way, however, in the official documentation for the conference. On the back page of the glossy info pack (cost: £15, New Lahour doesn't need any lessons in monopoly pricing) is a full-page advertisement for

Quotes

"New Labour: a party within a party" - Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover.

"Let's end the embarrassment of being talked to in corridors by people who baven't spoken to you for a whole year" - Kate Hoey MP, arguing for ending Shadow Cabinet elections.

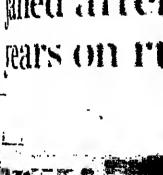
Today's business

Conference will hear the address from Tony Blair, the leader, and debate trade union links, party rule changes, Europe and women-only shortlists.

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Probation officers officers throw to Howard





Presco rebuke on chil benefi

Probation officers in court threat to Howard

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

Probation officers are to take Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to court over his plans to dismantle their college-

hased training.
The National Association of Probation Officers is to seek judicial review uf the decision, which they say has been taken against a wealth of evidence and advice and puts the public at risk.

Out of 504 individuals and organisations consulted by the Home Office, only 11 were in favour. Over 200 MPs, university vice-chancellors and the Central Probation Council, the national employers' urganisation, have reservations about the plans, which they say will leave recruits lacking hasic educational skills in areas such as motivation and psychology.

Under the changes, officers will no longer need to gain a university social work diploma in a two-year course before being recruited, and will instead be trained "on the job".

Baroness Blatch, the Home Office minister, said the move is intended to make it easier for older people - including those with military ur uniformed backgrounds - to join the service. She denied the changes would leave untrained officers responsible for dangerous criminals. "Mature people with valuable skills and experience accumulated from years in other professions need no longer be barred from employment in tained as effectively.

the service," she said. "Instead, they will be recruited on the strength of their abilities and then receive rigorous individual training and tough assessment."

The move is seen in the profession as an attempt to shift the service towards a mure discipline and punishment base rather than dealing with offenders' social and psycholugical problems. It is also suggested ministers want to reverse the trend of more women joining the service. An internal Home Office report described as "startling" the fact 68 per cent uf new entrants were female.

The probation officers' association said it would refuse to co-operate and branded the changes "extraordinary". It said that about 10 per cent of probation officers already had a military, police or prison background and 30 per cent of new recruits were over 40.

Harry Fletcher, assistant gen eral secretary, said the decision "flies in the face of all available evidence. We have taken legal advice that the route of judicial review is open to us and we will pursue this with vigour".

A spokesman fur the Association of Chief Officers of Probation said: "We see it as a degradation in the standards of our service which will impact on public safety. The bottom line is that poorly trained probation officers won't be able to execute their duties as well as well trained officers and therefore dangerous people won't be con-

Poll-tax rioter jailed after 5 years on run



Out of control: Jeffries attacks a police van with a post at the height of the 1990 riots in Trafalgar Square

A leading poll-tax rioter seen by millions on television hurling a post through the window of a police car, was jailed for two ears and 10 months at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Nichulas Jeffries, 33, appeared in court more than five years after the rint in Trafalgar Square, which was described as containing "the most violent scenes of disorder this century". Police officers said that the riot, which caused £6m damage and left more than 500 police injured, was the most frighten-ing event of their careers. "At times...they actually feared for their lives," said Jonathan Laidlaw, for the prosecution.

Before sentencing, Mr Justice Hooper was shown viden footage of the riot in which Jeffries attacked police vehicles. Dexter Diaz, defending, said that Jeffries had not gone to the demonstration intent on violence, as he was with his pregnant girlfriend, but he had "over-reacted" when he saw a police vehicle drive into the crowd at some speed and knock down a demonstrator.

The officer injured in Jeffries's attack, PC Robert Huntley, said it was only when he saw a video of the incident that he realised how frightening it was. Jeffries was identified from film and photographs of the

scene by a warder at Shepton Mallett prison, Somerset, where he was on the run from a 15month sentence. But by the time police knew who he was, he had fled in Sweden. He finally set-tled in Holland where he was arrested at the beginning of this year fur travelling on a tram without a ticket. British police applied for his extradition, but Jeffries waived his rights of appeal and returned voluntarily.

At the Old Bailey yesterday, Jeffries denied the more serious charges of riot and attempting to cause grievous bodily harm to PC Huntley, and his guilty pleas to the lesser charges of viulent disorder and assault occasioning actual bodily harm were accepted by the Crown.

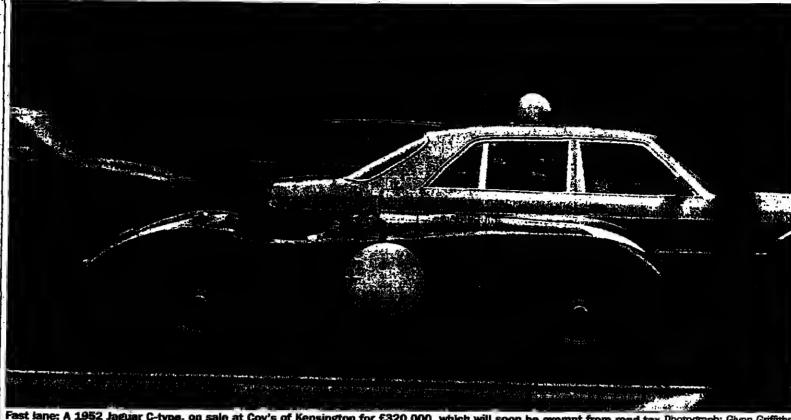
Mr Laidlaw said that although most of the demonstrators were peaceful, a "hard core" had been bent on using the demonstration as an excuse to attack police and property. Jeffries had played "a leading part" in the violence which began when the marchers reached Downing Street, and peaked in Trafalgar Square when police were attacked with wood, crash barriers and lumps of concrete

torn from the pavement. Jeffries, originally from Clevedon in Avon, has previous convictions for drug smuggling, assault and motoring offences.

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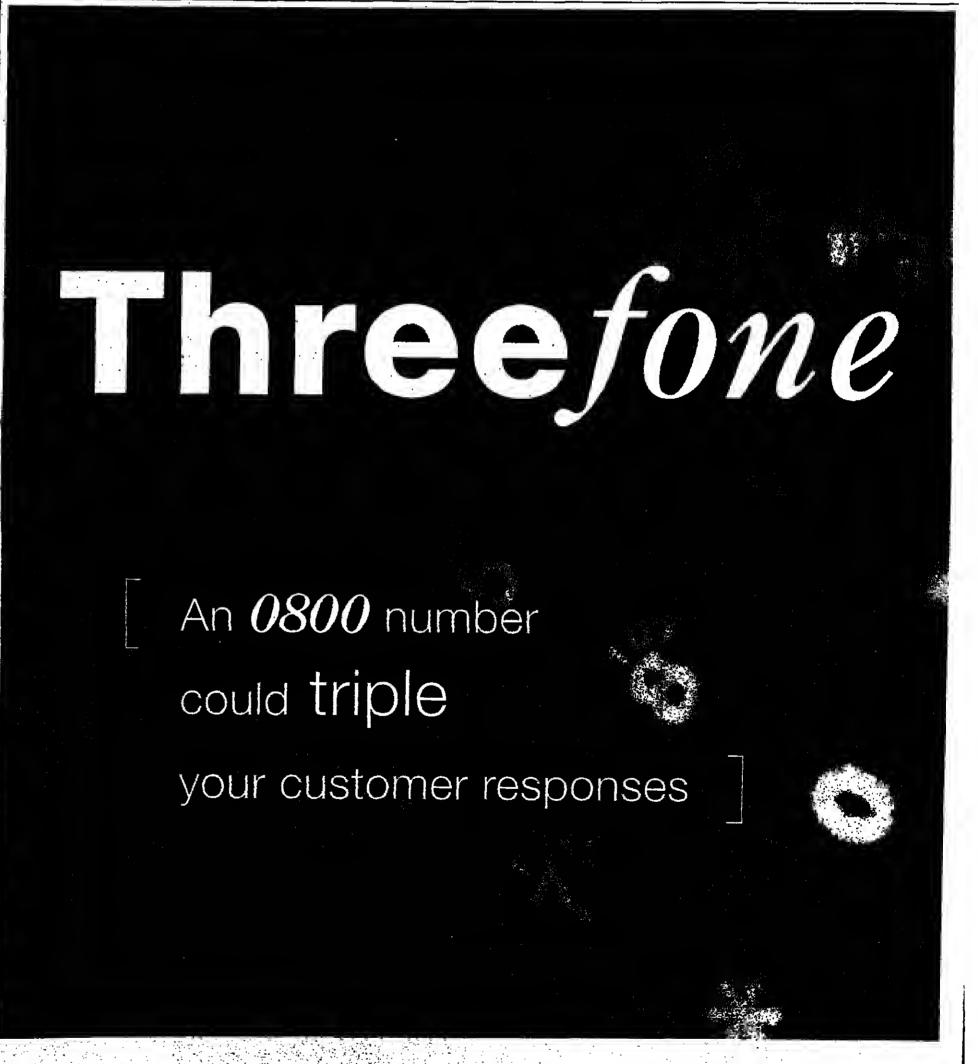
Transport Correspondent

Owners of classic cars and uther vehicles over 25 years old are likely to be made exempt from road tax when a new scheme to

fight tax dodging is introduced. A consultation paper published in the spring suggested that all car owners would have to pay vehicle excise duty for their car continuously, even if they were off the road for a long perind. However, when classic car owners realised they would be caught by this new regula-tion, they lobbied for exemption.

Current estimates suggest that there are more than 400,000 cars over 25 years old in Britain, many of which are unly used in the summer, while others are uff the road for several years while they are re-stored. Under the original proposal, once these cars were put back on the road, the owner would have had to pay tax for the whole intervening time.

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Governors defy court order as head is sacked

SARAH STRICKLAND

Governors at a grant-maintained school in Essex have sacked their head teacher, ignoring a High Court ruling and offering the head no chance to Dlead her case.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, believes the governing hody of Belfairs Community College has acted illegally in dismissing Marie Younie without a proper hearing and despite an injunction preventing its disciplinary committee from meeting. He has written to Gillian

Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, detailing his concerns, and has applied for a further injunction to block the dismissal. The gov-ernors should be held in contempt of court, he claims.

They have clearly ridden rough-shod over official procedures," he said. "I have never come across a case like it. It is quite extraordinary that a gov-erning body should behave in this manner, faced by a court

lescing from a major operation. She believes a group of governors and senior teachers took exception to her ideas for raising expectations and achievement in a school that had been

performing poorly.
With the disciplinary committee due to meet on 21 September, the NAHT obtained an injunction on the grounds that the panel was improperly

The judge ordered that submissions be made early this month, but on 22 September Ms Younie was told she had already been dismissed. The disciplinary panel had been reconstituted and had gone ahead, despite the

Parents were informed of the dismissal in a statement from Elizabeth Mashford, chairman of the governors. According to Mr Hart, the statement, which details the complaints against Ms Younie. is "highly unorthodox and prejudicial" Ms Younie has had no chance to present her case or to

Charles Latham, a governor, said the governing body had Ms Younie was suspended acted on legal advice but would

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Health chief declares war on old treatments

TEXAS Instruments

Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, yesterday pledged to use science more effectively to improve patient care by identifying the best treatments faster, and weeding out those that have oo place in a modern bealth service.

Mr Dorrell, who has already declared war on inefficient hospital managers, signalled that research and development (R&D) in the NHS is also high on his agenda at the Department of Health, claiming that It has the poteotial to make the "single biggest contribution to patient care in this country as odroach the next centu He promised to commit "real resources and management support" to ensure that the most up-to-date knowledge of which treatments are effective - and which are oot - is made available to clinicians.

Speaking in London at the first international conference on the Scientific Basis of Health Services, Mr Dorrell said: "It is

no longer sufficient to rely on clinicians reading articles in the learned journals. They need ready access to research results - an effectiveoess index oo tap as it were." He emphasised the need to make a serious commitment to ensure that the results of modern medical science are made easily available to NHS clinicians, and cited the example of "clot-busting" drugs for heart-attack victims. Despite strong evidence of their benefits in saving lives, the drugs took more than a decade to begin to permeate medical practice. Up to a fifth of patients who would

life-saving drugs. Mr Dorrell also said that, in velopment gap, a hiatus between research and practice", where the results of clinical trials worldwide had been unavailable for use.

benefit still do not receive the

But he warned that the "rigorous assessment" of new ideas must also be applied to existing practice, and obsolete methods phased out. "If we want to see the outputs of science and tech- ence base was being eroded.

nology used to best effect, in-effective and unnecessary procedures need to be abandoned. We need to identify and address the use of ineffective drug therapies, as well as other practices, such as the use of unnecessary gynaecological procedures on younger women and examples of ear, oose and throat surgery in childhood which appear to be of doubtful value."

Mr Dorrell denied this would

lead to rationing by the back door, but said health-service managers had an obligation to set priorities. Expensive treatmeots that offered only marginal improvements on existing treatments should be used sparingly, but those which repretreatment should be a high priority regardless of cost.

He is hoping to reassure critics who say that R&D is a prime casualty of the changes in the health service. A government task force last year reported claims that short-term cost pressures were driving out investment, and the clinical sci-

nity has also been hit by the resignation of key researchers London hospitals. But Mr Dorrell said that R&D was oow a "core activity" of the NHS, established as a oew programme in 1990 to create a link between the health service and the methods and products of science.

Five years on, the Government is committed to a target expenditure of 1.5 per cent of the health budget on R&D, and each health authority is required to make a contribution towards that fund.

Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive of Glazo Wellcome, who gave the inaugural adthan 1,000 delegates from 40 countries, said the biological, technological and informatioo revolutions had dramatically improved treatment and had immense potential to achieve further breakthroughs. But be warned: "We shouldn't just rush off and use this technology at a whim. It's going to be

Routine operations on hit-list

Since the inception of the NHS in 1948, new treatments and procedures have been introduced in a piecemeal and haphazard fashion. The rationale for implementation appeared to be "if it is new, it must be better and we must have it".

In fact, it is estimated that less than 15 per cent of health service "interventions" have been proved to be beoeficial to patients. It comes as oo surprise to learn that in the new costconscious, market style NHS, some of these interventions are

to be phased out. Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, declined yesterday to spell out which treat-ments would be phased out of routine use in NHS hospitals and clinics but it is oot difficult to guess what they might be.
John Yates, a former gov-

of the top 10 operations performed in NHS hospitals, only hernia repair and cataract surgery are widely regarded as sound procedures with a high degree of clinical agreement about who will benefit and when the operations should be done.

The more questionable op-erations include hysterectomy, tonsillectomy, D&C or womb scrape before the age of 40, and the insertion of grommets to treat glue ear. In the latter case, 80 per cent or more clear up without treatment.

There are some innovations" that have assumed popularity without adequate investigation of their use or proper training of the people who use them; keyhole surgery is one example. Several patients have suffered long-term internal damage after inappropriate use of keyhole surgery or less than optimum handling of

the equipment.
Chorionic villus sampling (CVS) was hailed as a major advance in pre-oatal diagnostic testing as doctors were able to perform it weeks earlier than exsting tests such amniocentesis. It was widely reported in newspapers and was adopted for rou-tine use prematurely, according to some doctors, as women demanded the test from their obstetricians. Subsequently, a link was established between CVS before 10 weeks and limb defects in babies. Now CVS is per-

formed after 10 weeks. Obstetrics in general has a reputation for adopting, wholesale, new techniques without good evidence for their benefits. Mass foetal screening - the use of probes attached to the foetal scalp during labour to monitor its status regardless of a problematic delivery or not is widely believed to have caused more difficulties than it solved. Meanwhile, cheap and proven treatments, such as steroidal drugs to help mature the lungs of hahies likely to be

born early, went unheeded. Stephen Dorrell yesterday called time on inefficient, obsolete treatments and those that are expensive and have limited application. They are likely to be replaced with innovations such as gene therapy. designer drugs, robotics in surgery, and more accurate diagnostic tests.

> LIZ HUNT Health Editor

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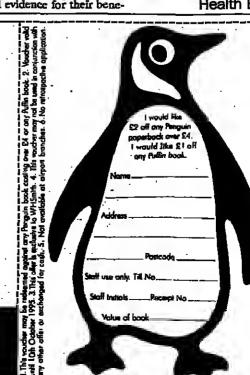
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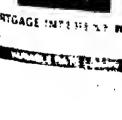


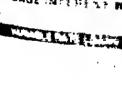


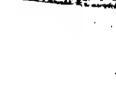
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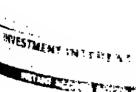








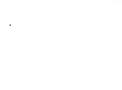
























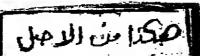












Fugitive Briton butchered body of tourist'

bags in Singapore harbour on 13 March and 16 March. The

Scripps had used his butchery

skills to chop up Mr Lowe's body, possibly using a small knife with a servated blade.

She said she would call as a

witness James Quigley, a British

prison caterer who would testify that in 1993 he taught

head was not found .



Accused: John Scripps is linked with several killings

A British fugitive and alleged in-ternational serial killer went on trial in Singapore yesterday charged with killing a tourist and

chopping up his body.

The prosecution said it would prove that John Scripps, 35, who denies the murder of Gerard Lowe, a South African, had undertaken a prison course in butchery in Britain and had quickly mastered" the skills. If convicted, Scripps faces a mandatory death sentence.

Scripps, who sat hunched in a steel and glass cage at the High Court, is also wanted in Thailand, where he has been charged with the murder of two Canadian tourists - Sheila Damude, 49, a teacher from Victoria, British Columbia, and her son, Darin, aged 23. Their dismembered remains

were discovered on the island of Phuket in March. Their passports and other items were in Scripps's possession when he was arrested in Singapore. Scripps is alleged to have be-

Scripps "butchery skills which the accused had mastered friended Mr Lowe, a brewery Apparently to pre-empt a engineer from Johannesburg defence that Scripps killed Mr who arrived on a shopping trip Lowe to prevent homosexual on 8 March at Singapore's airadvances, the prosecution put

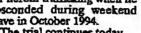
port and then checked into a Mr Lowe's widow, Vanessa Lynn, on the witness stand. She testified that Mr Lowe, 32, central hotel with him to share a room. Jennifer Marie, for the prosecution, told Judge TS Sin-nathuray that Scripps killed Mr Lowe in the hotel between 8 distiked gays. "We had a healthy sexual life. He was definitely not a homosexual," said Mrs Lowe.
Another witness, Chao Tzee

March and early on 9 March.
After the alleged murder,
Scripps flew to Thailand but Cheng, a senior Singapore pathologist, told the court that then returned to Singapore and the person who dismembered Mr Lowe was either a doctor. was arrested on 19 March. a veterinary surgeon or a butch-er. He added: "I told police, The murder came to light when a torso, thighs severed at the hips and legs chopped at the Look, you are dealing with a se-rial killer." knees were found in plastic

He said it was possible for such a person to cleave the body at bone joints using the two stainless steel knives with 10cm Ms Marie told the court that (4ins) serrated blades that were

found in Scripps's bags.
The accused is also being investigated in connection with murders in Mexico and San Francisco. One inquiry links him to the disappearance of Timo-thy McDowall, 28, and another Briton in Mexico

Scripps, who lived in London, was serving a 13-year sentence for heroin trafficking when he absconded during weekend leave in October 1994.





Scripps's mother, Jean (centre) and sister trying to avoid a cameraman outside the court

Scottish crimes fall for a third year

months of this year, according ernment's agenda," he said. to figures released yesterday.

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The figures eclipse last week's statistics for England and Wales, which showed a 5 per cent drop in offences.

Lord James Douglas-Hamil-Scottish Office, said the Government continued to be encouraged that recorded crimes in Scotland had fallen for a third successive year, only 0.5 per cent

Reported crime in Scotland Tacking crime remains very fell by 7 per cent in the first six firmly at the top of the Gov-

The minister welcomed the new figures but said further reductions remained a priority. "Our message remains clear no crime is acceptable."

The figures for the first six ton, Minister of State at the months show a total of 248,915 crimes recorded by the police compared with 268,720 last year - down 7 per cent on the same period last year. For the whole of 1994, 527,064 crimes in 1992, but 8 per cent in 1993 were recorded, compared with and a further 3 per cent in 1994. 543,013 the previous year.

DAILY POEM

In passing

By Sarah Hopkins

it looked as if a mechanic had hung himself, but it was just his boilersuit fat with wind bellowing on the line

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but what of his wife at the window who'd pegged him in this boisterous wind, was it for her like having him there huffered, spun and speechless?

Suruh Hopkins was Poetry Editor of Spare Rib from 1982-85. Her poems have been widely published and she spent a year in Wordeneus, a performance group for women writers. Good Grief, her first collection was published in 1992. This poem is taken from The Rainbow's Quivering Tongue, an anthology of women's poetry which includes work by Judith Kanzantzis and Linda France, published by Stride at £7.95.

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Serb push puts Bihac at risk

EMMA DALY

The Bosnian Serb army has seized back territory captured last month by the mainly Muslim Bosnian government Fifth Corps in a counter-attack that has brought Serb artillery perilously close to the town of Bihac. Near Sanski Most, Bosnian soldiers were forced to run for their lives amid a hail of antiaircraft fire and air attacks.

The Serbs have also pushed to within six miles of Bosanska Krupa, where refugees have already returned to homes occupied by the Serbs for three years, and shelled the outskirts of the town on Sunday, prompting concern among interna-tional observers that Bihac, 18 miles to the south, is at risk. "If they move south, then they can start shelling Bihac again, which they will do at the first oppor-

Although the UN yesterday reported that Krupa had heen placed on red alert, the observers said it was calm yesterday morning, with no signs of panic among the returning civilian population. However, helicopters were seen moving in and wounded from the front lines.

Fifth Corps soldiers, acting in concert with the Croatian Army

oushing from the south, seized thousands of square miles of territory around a main road linking Bihac to central Bosnia via the town of Jajce, and moved within artillery range of the Serbs' northern stronghold, Banja Luka. But in the past few days, Serb forces have begun to retaliate, capitalising on the exhaustion of the thinly

stretched Bosnian soldiers. On Sunday, a brigade moving west towards Sanski Most through a narrow finger of land sticking into Serb territory came under heavy fire from three sides, and was almost cut off as Galeb jets bombed their positions. One witness said the brigade was exhausted even before the planned Bosnian attack.

"Then the Serbs launched a counter-attack, so the troops who were to attack were tied up in that, and the soldiers just panicked," he said, adding that he and the others ran for their lives through a wave of explosive bullets. "The Serbs had 150 Muslim forced labourers digging trenches oo the front line the government forces were supposed to attack, which did not improve their morale."

However, the observer did not assess the defeat as catastrophic, adding that although the Bosnian forces lost the finger of land, their lines seemed to be holding firm at the base.
"I don't think the Bosnian Serbs can capitalise as much as they should," said another military expert. "I don't think there is any real problem [for Fifth

Corps] at the moment."
The Fifth Corps might now decide that their chances of taking Sanski Most before the winter are slim, and could concentrate instead on holding the line around Bosanska Krupa and pushing on the Serb-held town of Mrkonjic Grad.

This is the last remaining obstacle on the road south-east

from Bihac to central Bosnia: capture of the road would bring huge benefits to the Bosnian a firm link with Bihac and a much shorter supply route from Croatia to central Bosnia. Luxembourg - In another ef-fort to put the European stamp on a possible peace deal for the former Yugoslavia, France and Germany yesterday proposed an outline plan for rehuilding the devastated region, writes Sarah Helm. European foreign min-isters, meeting in Luxembourg. discussed a programme of reconstruction, humanitarian aid,

and election monitoring. The in-

tention is to consider EU as-

sistance to Bosnia, Crnatia,

Serbia, Albania and Macedonia

on equal terms.



A Bosnian Serb, wounded in fighting with Muslim forces near Bosanska Krupa, west Bosnia, is carried to an ambulance

Sullen Belgrade maps out its losses

STEVE CRAWSHAW Belgrade

An indignant and fascinated lit-tle crowd gathers at the bottom Terazije Street, in the heart of Belgrade. The source of interest: a new map, which was originally published with triumphal intentions. "Thank God

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I'm a Serb," says the proud inscription. Now, the map is a bitter memorial to defeat.

It was intended to show the exteot of Serb cooquests in recent years. Yellow shows "territory under the control of Serb forces". Given what has happened in the past four years, much of the map is printed in ellow. There is just a forlorn little strip of green down the middle, for the "territories of Muslim-Croat Federation".

But then came the humiliation. Pink-striped amendments have been drawn on to the map, marking areas that Croats and Bosnian-government forces have seized Serbs recently. Suddenly there is little reason for Serbs to rejoice.

It seems odd that people gather to study the map so inteotly. Surely Serbs must know exactly what they have lost? In reality the official media have been reticent. The Bosnia deal reached in New York last week is proclaimed a triumph for the policies of President Slobodan Milosevic. The loss of territories where Serbs have lived for generations and the expulsion of 200,000 refugees are gered minority - as rare as

ignored. Thus the maps on Ter-sympathisers of Andrei Sakha-exhausted than enraged, do azije Street provide the first oprovin Brezhnev's Soviet Union not seem ready to pour ou to the portunity for many to examine the grim new reality in detail.

"All of this was pure Serb," says one man (with a gesture taking in areas where Bosnian Muslims were in the majority until "ethnic cleansers" killed them or drove them out of their homes). "And now look. We've lost everything. It's geno-cide, pure genocide."

That indignation is typical.

Every Serb can give you a lecture about what Serbs suffered 50 or 500 years ago. People talk, too, about Serbian suffering of recent months. But the Serbian crimes of the past few years do not exist in most people's minds. One depressing reason why the outspoken Serbian opposition Vierne magazine can still be published is that it has such a small readership. Few Serbs want to read uncomfort-

able truths. There are, of course, Serbs who do not seek to use the vile experiences of history as a justification for unleashing new nightmares. But such heartening free spirits are an endan-

or genuine haters of Nazism in Germany in 1945.

The Serbs' perception of themselves as eternal victims is another reason why last week's New York deal has been greeted with little enthusiasm on the streets of Belgrade. The official media emphasised the deal means Mir peace in our time, Mir on the horizon, Mir by Christmas, Mir because of the wise Serbian leader.

But many ordinary Serbs remain cautious. They believe, in any case, that the Western powers are the true warmongers.

"The war will be over when the Americans want it to be over - not a moment earlier," was one typical comment as Richard Holbrooke, the US peace envoy, arrived in Belgrade last week-

The nationalist opposition hlames Mr Milosevic for allowing the Serb-majority Krajina to fall easily into Croat hands. "That wasn't a military victory [by the Croats]. It was a gift [from the Serbian leadership]" runs a popular argu-meot. But Serbs, more

streets to protest. A nationalist opposition demonstration - in other words, those who regard Mr Milosevic as a sell-out - persuaded 10,000 people on to the streets, but the protests stopped there.

In one respect at least, there is a new half-optimism. Many believe that the New York deal could lead to the lifting of sanctions, which is all that many peoole care about. If sanctions are lifted, then solidarity with brother Serbs in Croatia and Bosnia could soon be forgotten, and Mr Milosevic's popularity could soar once more.

For the moment, however, Serbia remains a country of sullen resentment. Savo, one of the men gathered around the map-seller on Terazije, argues that Serbs are deeply misunderstood, because of a mixture of foreign ignorance and mal-ice. But he acknowledges, too, that the information flow in Serbia is not all that it might be. "What do we know? We have no information. We know nothing." Why not? Savo shrugs. "That's just how it is."

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Portugal cheers Socialist victory

ELIZABETH NASK Lisbon

demonstrative people. More moving, then, than the cavalcades of young people who careered round Lisbon in the early hours of yesterday morning, celebrating a Socialist victory that surpassed expecta-tions, was the sight of ordinary folk quietly lining the streets with a light in their eyes and a

smile on their lips.
Opinion polls had caught the trend, but underestimated its force. The Socialists, in oppo-sition for a decade, won 43.9 per cept of the vote, 109 seats in the 230-seat parliament. It is their biggest victory for 20 years. They fall just short of an absolute majority, but enjoy a comfortable advantage in the face of a divided opposition. Always among the more moderate of Europe's democratic socialist parties, the Socialists

have become even more prag-matic and Blainite recently. The conservative Social Democratic Party saw its 1991 majority of 50.2 per cent slashed to 34 per cent. The Communist-led CDU alliance won 8.6 per cent, a decline from its previous vote, showing that the Socialists held the bulk of the left-wing vote. The right-wing Popular Party, with 9 per cent, tripled its number of MPs to 15, clearly benefiting from a drift from the Social Democrats. Eight seats remain to be counted and the complete results will not be known for two weeks.

"The turn" was the headline
The Portuguese are oot a of Lisbon's A Capital newspaper, summing up the transformation. But none doubt that the turn is an affirmation of Portugal's young democracy, not a threat to it. The outgoing Social Democratic Prime Minister, Anibal Cavaco Silva, conceded defeat with elegance, in ac-knowledgment of the national desire for change and the likelihood that this would occur in

a stable democratic framework. The future Socialist Prime Minister, Antonio Guterres, 46, promises he will govern alone. But in his victory speech he also promised to co-operate with the opposition on important issues and to work in the interests of all Portuguese.

Mr Guterres pledged to stick to the timetable for monetary union imposed by the European Union, an unusual commitmen for a Socialist victory speech. The gesture was a restatement of a key strand of continuity in Portugal's policy towards Brus-sels. Business interests had already shown themselves un-

flustered by the prospect of a Socialist government. Sunday's result suggests that the Social Democrats' buttonedup and tarnished image, still seek continuity in an increasingly socially relaxed country that has under Mr Cavaco Silva's stern guidance come closer to Europe's mainstream.

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Taiwan and China do the sabre dance

Worst tension since 1970s raises fears that Peking will seize 'renegade' island

It is arguably one of the biggest games of bluff and counter-bluff in modern Chinese history. Eyeing each other warily across the Taiwan Strait, China and Taiwan are testing how far they can go without plunging into full-scale war.

China could hardly contain its fury wheo the President of Taiwan, Lee Teng-hui, made a "private visit" to the United States in June, a visit that was seen as undermining China's success in diplomatically isolating Taiwan, which Peking

regards as a renegade province.
A month after the Presideot's visit, China tested tactical hallistic missiles in the Taiwan Strait, showing it was able to attack the island. Another exercise followed in August. Now Taiwan also has annouoced its own exercise,

planned for Thursday. There has been oothing like this level of political and mili-



President Lee: Visit to the US has infuriated Peking

tary tension since the 1970s, when Chiang Kai-shek threat-ened that his Nationalist government, defeated io 1949. would storm hack to the mainland and recover it militarily. China responded by bomberding Taiwao's smaller islands near the Chinese coast. Taiwan maintained a steady hail of return fire.

That confrontation eventually faded, and talks between the two governments gave rise to hopes of a peaceful solution. However, China feels President Lee is intent on the ultimate heresy of making Taiwan an independent state, abandoning the Nationalists' and

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commitment to Chinese reunification.

"I really think it's possible China will invade," says Tsai Bih-hwang, of the ruling Knommtang (Nationalist) party. Andrew Yang, secretary of the Council of Advanced Policy Studies, a government advisory body, said: "We don't underestimate their ability to do it."

When the first Chinese military exercise was launched, the stock market dropped like a stone and visa queues formed outside Western quasi-diplomatic offices.
"It was a shock," said Anto-

nio Chiang, publisher of *Jour-*nalist political weekly. People woodered what else China might do, if it responded so aggressively to what was no more

than a private visit to the US.

As Mr Yang points out, it was more than just a visit. "It very much emotionally affected the people. Here was the symbolic importance of our leader visiting a major Western country," he said. "It changed the empti-ness and frustration of the laiwanese people."

China saw even more sinister

motives behind the visit, according to Chu Yun-han, the director of programmes at the influential Institute for National Policy Research.

He believes that Peking looked at the visit as part of a plot between Japan and the US to undermine China by promoting Taiwan.

Taiwan refuses to back down. Last month it made yet another futile attempt to rejoin the United Nations. President Lee, meanwhile, is riding high on the support he is gaining as the Chinese media launches personal attacks on him.

"The question here," says a Western observer in Taipei, "is how Taiwan's military response is conducted. How can they be seen as non-provocative but demonstrate that they are capable of providing defence?"
And what would happen if

the military escalation got out of hand? China has the world's higgest army, and it is increasingly equipped with modern armaments. Unlike Taiwan's forces, the Chinese army has a number of leaders who have been tested in battle. China has sufficient military capability to bring Taiwan to its knees if it wishes to do so", says a foreign resident with close ties to the military establishment.

He believes Taiwan's army has reasonably high combat ef-ficiency, "but it has not been tested for a long time". Although Taiwan's army has Communists' loogstanding acquired some modern equip-

War games: Talwanese ships being readied for military exercises due to start this week in response to Chinese manoeuvres

ment, such as F-16 fighter jets from the US, and Mirage 2000 jets from France, years of diplomatic isolation have taken

their toll on its ability to acquire state-of-the-art equipmeot. This is not to say Taiwan is incapable of resistance, but it may have difficulty coping with military action which falls well short of war. Wang Chien-shien, of the New Party, which believes President Lee is provoking China unnecessarily, says Peking could inflict heavy blows

without full-scale war. He reckons that a missile attack oo the southern city of Kaoshung, the centre of the petrochemical industry, would create enormous destruction. He also believes China might bomb airfields, immobilising Taiwan's jets. Mr Chiang thinks China could "terrify the Taiwanese

people" without using missiles. Continued military tests, the seizure of fishing vessels and other less extreme measures would divide Taiwanese society. There is also a possibility that many of Taiwan's leaders would leave if the going got ber of prominent people hold

dentally goes too far, some people on the island believe the US will come to the rescue. Washington, however, remains adamantly silent on this matter.

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Taiwan keeps "pushing the limit, testing China's response to see where the trigger point is", Mr Yang said, If it acci-

Those who are close to US thinking on Taiwan believe, as ooe put it, that "the US will use force under certain conditions, but we don't what those conditions are". Others firmly rule intervention. They believe that the overwhelming importance of good US relations with Chi-

At the height of the Cold War, Taiwan was a hastion against the advance of Communism, a situation reflected in the Mutual Security Pact between Taiwan and the US. But the Cold War is over and the defence agreement was ahan-doned long ago. Taiwan looks thoroughly exposed.

Peking pledge to Heseltine MICHAEL SHERIDAN Diplomatic Editor

China's Foreign Minister, Qian Qichen, yesterday pledged full co-operation with Britain to ensure curity, stability and prosperity" in Hong Kong through its tran-sition to Chinese rule in 1997. He made the promise during talks in London with the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, at the start of an official visit intended to smooth relations be-

tweeo the two countries. The continued existence of Hong Kong's limited democracy was noticeably absent from their assurances. Last week Mr Qian reiterated China's intention to discard the political structure erected by the last Hong Kong Governor, Chris Patten, as soon

as it took over. This difference apart, both British and Chinese officials seemed keen to stress the high level of Mr Qian's visit. Yesterday he also saw Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, and Robin Cook, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman. Today he is to hold talks with the Prime Minister and

the Foreign Secretary.
The US, at odds with China over rights, missile sales and Taiwan, yesterday denied President Jiang Zemin a state visit. A White House spokesman said he would meet Presideot Bill Chinton at the UN in New York this month. Mr Clinton is known to dislike formal state visits but the Chinese would have preferred a ceremonial welcome in Washington to a meeting on the fringes of the General Assembly.

A bullish feeling amid the ruins

There are just nine computer screens, a trading table so small you could not play poker on it, and six steel chairs. Only four companies are listed and the premises are modestly housed in what used to be the local branch of the Iraqi Rafidain Bank. But they call it the Beirut Bourse and we are being en-couraged in the kind of peacespeak that rules here, to regard this tiny room as "the engine of Lebanon's reconstruction." The French amhassador and two officials from the Paris Bourse fresh from creating similar in-stitutions in Lithuania, Latvia, Ukraine, Poland and the Czech Republic - said as much before the television cameras.

So did the Lebanese Finance Minister, Fouad Sioiora. "Lebanoo is determined to regaio its position ... as a finan-cial and economic centre in the

region," he told us.
There is, of course, the little matter of the oew Bourse's internal regulations, which have yet to be approved by the State Consultative Council. Neither the Lebanese Central Bank, nor the brokers' federation, it scems, was consulted. And in private, hankers express their concern about the Bourse. Will sufficient names be listed in a country where many companies are owned by families which rebuilt five years after its 1940

BEIRUT DAYS

have oo interest in sharing dividends with the public? Will there be reputable intermediaries in the market? Will there he what one banker called "transparency in operations"? Or, more to the point, can corruption be kept out of the Beirut stock market? Given the current economic

gloom in Lebanon, any risk seems worthwhile. With the

American-Israeli peace bull-dozer apparently making oo way with Syria – and therefore oone with Lebanon – Lebanese cotrepreceurs are watching their investments with something approaching anxiety. Solidere, the \$1.8bn (£1.1bn) company charged with re-building Beirut - and which is not yet listed in the new stock exchange - has still to construct
a single building downtown.
True, sewage pipes, cables and
underground car parks are
being positioned through the rubble, and the pre-construction archaeological digs have pro-duced enough Hellenistic stat-ues and Roman mosaic floors to fill a couple of museums.

But Lebanese are asking why, if Rotterdam could be almost

destruction by the Luftwaffe, Beirut cannot be up and running five years after its civil war ended. Is modern construction that much more complex? Or is Lebanon doing more planning than building? Elissar, a public company set up to rebuild the southern suburbs of the city, has published its proposals for a new coastal strip near the airport which will destroy thousands of slums. Linord, like Solidere, a privately-owned shareholding real-estate company, has just received government approval for a \$250m development of the

coast north of Beirut. The assumption behind all these plans, however, is that the Middle East peace process will embrace both Syria and Lebanon in the great new Arab-Israeli common markel of wealth and development which the world – for which, read the State Department, Israel and CNN - apparently foresees. The trouble is that from Lebanon, this "peace" looks about as fragile and dangerous as the sepulchral runs which still totter over Beirut's old froot line. Syria, which wants the return of all of the Golan Heights. is in no rush to sign op for the

kind of "conditional" agree ments which Yasser Arafat has accepted in "Palestine". And Israel - through the anonymous "military sources" that journalists like to quote in Jerusalem - is talking about the possibility of future conflict with Syria. Which means a battle in Lebanon. Of course, Lebanon descrees

to recover. And when the top

crime story in last Saturday's L'Orient le Jour was a report of a police swoop on a car con-taining two men having sex with the same girl - the police, the paper told us, arrested the joyeuse troika - things can't be that had. Besides, the traffic lights are working on the Corniche. Drive down the seafront turn left for Mazraa and there they are, the first working lights I've seen in Beirut for 19 years. Like vehicle seat-belts - which they routinely cut ont of their cars with scissors - the Lebanese regard all safety pro-cedures as obstacles of incoovenience. And at Mazraa, a traffic policeman routinely husties motorists through the red lights if they are foolish enough to clog the roads by obeying them. Like the Beirut Bourse, first you create facts - only then do you worry about the rules.

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Nuclear testing: France ignores international outcry over a blast that was five to six times more powerful than at Mururoa

Paris dusts off N-test fall-out

STEPHEN JESSEL Paris CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

France brushed aside renewed criticism of its nuclear testing programme after it exploded a device in the South Pacific that was at least five times more powerful than its first test a month ago. The Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, said the series of up to eight explosions would go ahead as planned, ending no later than May.

The blast drew criticism from Russia, Japan, the US, the European Union and South Pacific countries, though not from Britain. The French opposition Socialists said the series should be halted.

The test was at Fangataufa atoll, 25 miles from Muroroa (where the first explosion took place on 5 September), shortly after 12.30am British time on Monday, Fangataufa is used for testing particularly power-ful bombs. The device was five to six times more powerful than that exploded at Muruora, equivalent to 110,000 tons of TNT, compared with 20,000 tons in the earlier test.

The explosion should have created a cavern 100 yards across, against 60 yards for the Mururoa test. The rock above would then have collapsed into the cavern, causing slight subsidence on the surface. Fangataufa is smaller than Moruroa, but has been used for only nine tests, compared to 127 on the larger island.

Patricia Lewis, of the Verification Technology Information Centre, which monitors, nuclear tests, said an explosion the size of Monday's might have started to break Mururoa apart. Unlike the first test, which

was designed to help scientists prepare a simulation programme that would make experiments with real weapons unnecessary, the Fangataufa explosion was the test of a new warhead, the TN-75, which is to be carried by submarines of the Triomphant class. The Triomphant is undergoing sea trials

next year. It will carry 16 missiles, each equipped with six TN-75 warheads. Test data is also expected to be used in designing a warhead for a new longrange cruise missile.

Paris will be neither surprised nor especially dismayed by condemnation of the latest test, calculating that any dam-age had already been done with the announcement earlier this year that testing would be resumed and the first explosion last month.

Opinion polls indicate a clear majority in France opposed to the tests, and the decision to resume them is held partly responsible for the slide in the popularity of President Jacques Chirac, but the public does not seem to regard the issue as one of major importance.

The next test is expected in three to five weeks. Mr Chirac has hinted that the programme of eight tests might be curtailed and the total reduced to seven or six. Dr Lewis expected the remainder to be relatively small, although she did not rule out the possibility of testing a full-size cruise-missile warhead - a number of holes have already been drilled at Mururoa.

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Hitting the roof: Greenpeace activists invading the French ambassador's residence in Kensington, London Below the surface of the second French test

Waves of anger across the Pacific

ROBERT MILLIKEN

France caused fresh outrage in the South Pacific yesterday after it carried out its second underground nuclear test. It dashed any remaining hopes that the protests which swept the world after the test last month would change the mind of the government in Paris.

The test happened within hours of French commandos seizing and taking into custody the Manutea, a Greenpeace yacht. It was the last of four vessels Greenpeace has lost to French raids around Mururoa atoll, where the first in the series of tests took place, and Fangataufa since early last month. the international outrage and

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Unlike two of the earlier seizures, Rainbow Warrior II and Vega, the Manutea was outside the 12-mile (20km) military exclusion zone when the commandos boarded it. French military authorities said the arrest was justified because an inflatable craft had been launched into the prohibited zone from the Manuea. Lynette Thorstensen, the Greenpeace campaign director in Tahiti, denied this, and claimed the craft came from another vessel among the

international peace flotilla.

Oscar Temaru, leader of Tavini Huiraatira, the Polynesian Liberation Front, the main member again." independence party in French Polynesia, said he had hoped

lowed the 5 September test might have persuaded President Jacques Chirac to abandon the rest of what is scheduled to be seven or eight tests up to May.

"My feeling today is more one of pain than anger," he said. "We had confidence in the human being of Jacques Chirac, but for the second time be has allowed his animal instinct to take over. Mururoa and Fangataufa are part of Polynesian heritage. A Polynesian has three symbols in life: land, sea and air. The French have destroyed all three. It's like losing a family

The French military surprised

everyone by taking the unusual step of conducting the latest test on a Sunday, strictly observed as a day of worship among Polynesians, more than 80 per cent of whom are Christians. Tahiti was deserted, with most Polynesians attending or at home. It may have been a tactical move to pre-empt a repetition of last month's violence, when 3,000 young Polynesians burned and looted the airport and shops in Papeete, the capital.

More than 1,000 gendarmes and riot police patrolled Papeete last night. They were

the riots in Tahiti which fol- backed by almost five times the number of police who struggled to control the September riots. Tension was high in Papeete, but anti-nuclear and pro-independence leaders called for re-

> Australia and New Zealand called in the French ambassadors yesterday to protest. Jim Bolger, New Zealand's Prime Minister, kept the ambassador waiting 15 minutes for a meeting lasting 10 minutes.

Mr Bolger said later: "It's just so much waste because there's no French person alive, from the French President down, who could suggest in any rational way which time and in what circumstances they would use a nuclear weapon and against whom."

Paul Keating, Prime Minister of Australia, said it would be "unceasing and unrelenting" in efforts to press France to abandon the tests.

with Bob McMullan, the acting Foreign Minister, Dominique Girard, the French ambassador, said be had refused to apologise for the tests. "We're doing what we're doing in a most reasonable way with the utmost precaution. So we have nothing to apologise about."

Britain refuses to blame Chirac

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MICHAEL SHERIDAN Diplomatic Editor

The British government yesterday refused to condemn the latest French nuclear test, drawing criticism from Labour and the Liberal Democrats and expressions of concern from Australia and New Zealand.

The Government's stance towards the French nuclear programme, born of its desire to stay close to President Jacques Chirac, seems destined to become an embarrassing issue at the Commonwealth Summit in Auckland next month.

The size of the latest explosion and the aggressive French action towards Greenpeace protest vessels set off a renewed wave of anger among Pacific nations from Japan to Australasia. The United States

regretted" the explosion. The Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, said yesterday: "It is for the French to justify these nuclear tests." Mr Rifkind said the important fact was that France remained committed to a comprehensive test ban treaty when its last test was complete. This carefully contrived po-

sition aims to shift the burden of argument onto the French. while avoiding any offence to

It did not please the Anstralian Foreign Minister Bob McMullan. "We are disappointed at the British government's reaction," he said.

"It's a pity but they are not cery significant players in the re-gion any more."

The Prime Minister of New

Zealand; Jim Bolger, said he had hoped Britain would join other Commonwealth countries in condemning nuclear testing.

In response, the Foreign Office said it would not be "dragooned" into taking a position in one camp or the other. But the Labour MP Alf Nor-

ris, chairman of the cross-party Anzac group, said Britain was staying silent while old friends were wronged. He said John Major was responsible for a deafening silence" on the issue. The Liberal Democrat de-

fence spokesman, Menzies Campbell, also criticised Mr Rifkind's policy. "The British government's continual silence is ... creating a serious rift in our relations with members of the and New Zealand," he said

British officials again denied any data from the French tests would be shared with Britain. The technical differences between the two countries' arsenals make it unlikely that French test results would serve

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Boom times on way for the Russian reformation

PAUL WALLACE **Economics Editor**

Russia could be set for an economic boom if it sticks to the path of economic reform, the West's leading economic club said yesterday.

The Russian economy sta-bilised in the second half of 1994 and began to recover in early 1995, says the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. In 1996, the growth rate could accelerate to up to 10 per cent.

lo its first survey of the Russ-ian economy, the OECD says it is imperative that Moscow persists with reform and does not allow inflation to get out of control, "If macroeconomic stabilisation is successful during 1995 and the momentum of liberalisation is maintained, the Russian economy could eoter a period of rapid growth." However, if those conditions are not met, "the upturn could falter" and output "could even fall again in 1996".

The OECD warns that inflation, which was still over 8 per cent in April, is declining more slowly than the government predicted: "the targeted re-duction and stabilisation of inflation will be hard to achieve".

Macroeconomic stabilisation was "indispensable" but painful. The rise in real interest rates would lead to initial losses in competitiveness and could cause a big rise in open unemployment. Stabilisation would be enhanced by a move away from crisis fiscal and monetary management to a medium-term programme.
The OECD contests the view

that the dramatic collapse in GDP and industrial output since 1990 can he attributed to the government's attempts to ceot since 1990 had in any case been "strongly exaggerated". Output was over-reported under Communism, but enter-

ed in understating production to reduce taxes. Electricity consumption had only fallen by 20 per cent from its 1989 level. More important, the serious

decline was mainly because of the "sheer magnitude" of the structural changes involved in moving from from the mili-tary-industrial complex promoted under Communism to an economy that conforms more closely to the pattern of production in Western economies. The cosseted industrial sector had taken a beating from the drastic reduction in defence

The decline in the share of industrial output in GDP and the increasing share of resourcedbased goods in exports repre-sent "inevitable and generally beneficial changes in structure rather than the destruction of wealth-creating capacity". It is much better to export raw materials and semi-processed goods at world prices than to absorb huge amounts of energy and other resources in "mefficient domestic production of manufactures with exports at subsidised prices to selected countries'

The report sees encouraging signs that the painful transition away from Communism is well under way. One is the rapid growth of the service sector which has grown from 33 per ceot of GDP in 1990 to 50 per cent in 1994, when for the first time production of services ex-ceeded production of goods. Initially retail services were the most dynamic part of the service sector but more recently financial services had grown rapidly, increasing by one-third in 1994 over 1993 according to official statistics.

A further sign of welcome implement a regime of shock structural change is the redi-therapy. It argues that the reported fall in GDP of 50 per countries. In 1994, exports to de nearly 1 million people. His veloped market economies strong showing could also lead were up by 22 per cent to a renewed bid from the far compared with 1993. were up by 22 per cent compared with 1993.

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Unsettling act: Jewish settlers from the West Bank swimming across the River Jordan Into Jordan, as part of a protest against the Israell-PLO agreement on Palestinian autonomy

Far-right vote startles Latvia

ADRIAN BRIDGE Central Europe Correspondent

A German-born right-wing extremist who cannot speak Latvian won the second highest number of votes in the Baltic state's general election, causing

political turmoil yesterday.

The startling success of Joachim Siegerist's People's Movement for Latvia caught all the country's mainstream parties unawares and appeared to have scotched chances for the formation of a stable governing coalition. Although he is unlikely to join any future coalition. Mr Siegerist's staunchly pro-Larvian views are certain to fan tensions with the country's ethnic Russian community of

counted, the People's Movement for Latvia looked set to capture 15.06 per cent of the vote, only fractionally behind the centre-left Saimnieks party oo 15.33 per cent. Third and fourth places went to the ceo-trist Latvia's Way, which headed the outgoing government, and the far-right Freedom and

Fatherland party.

A delighted Mr Siegerist, who is known to be linked with extreme right-wing organisa-tions in Germany where he has beeo charged with inciting racial hatred, declared that he had fully expected the result, despite pre-election opinioo polls indicating he would win around 5 per cent.

His many critics, however. were dismayed. The general reaction is one of utter shock," said liza Arklina, editor of the Riga-based Baltic Observer

With nearly all the votes oewspaper. "But many people are also ashamed that so many of their countrymen voted for

> Although he was born and raised in Germany, Mr Siegerist claims Latvian citizenship through his father, who, he says, was a Latvian national who fought in the German Wehrmacht in the Second World War. Despite his mability to speak the language, he became involved in Latvian politics shortly after the country de-clared its independence from

the Soviet Union in 1991. In the 1993 election he ran oo a right-wing ticket and won the chances of a majority left or a place in the country's parlia- right-leaning coalition very ment after busing thousands of people out to vote for him in a rural constituency and doling out lemonade and bananas. He was later suspended from the parliament for poor

attendance.

Communism and a staunch Latvian nationalism, Siegerist's real political goals remain unclear. But he has a populist touch: during the campaign he promised to help the

country's poor, without ever

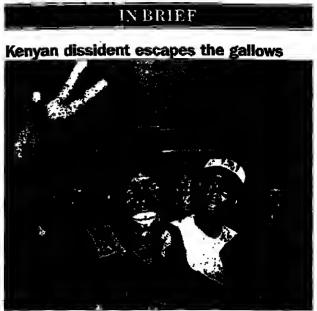
spelling out how he would do it.

In true right-wing style he also

promised tough oew measures on law and order. Uotil this weekend's elec-tion, Mr Siegerist has always heen a pariah as far as Latvia's mainstream political parties are concerned. His success in the polls, however, oow makes

unlikely. "The picture is extremely confusing," said Ms Arklina. "Some people are even suggesting that the best thing would be to simply hold another

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Nalorro – Kenya's leading dissident, Koigi wa Wamwere, pictured in court in 1993 when originally charged, was jailed for four years but was spared the gallows after a capital charge that he mount-

ed an armed raid on a police station was dropped.

Chief Magistrate William Thiyot's sentencing perplexed many lawyers but relieved Mr Koigi's supporters who had feared he would be given the mandatory death penalty. "The prosecution has proved beyond reasonable doubt that the ibree accused comhas proved beyond reasonable doubt that the inree accused com-mitted the crime," said Mr Tuiyot. "I find the first, second and fourth accused guilty of simple robbery." But the three were not charged with "simple robbery" and defence lawyers immediate-ly applied for written copies of the judgment, saying they intended to appeal against the verdict. Mr Wamwere is a founder mem-her of the Safina (Noah's Ark) Party, formed last May, though he has been in prison for the past two years.

Reuter

Turkish earthquake kills 55

Ankara - At least 55 people died in an earthquake in the southwestern Turkish town of Dinar. A government minister earlier predicted a final death toll of about 100. An earthquake killed 330 people in Dinar in 1925. Turkey's biggest quake in recent years, in the eastern town of Erzincan in 1992, killed more than 500

France told to steer clear of Comoros Moroni - The coup leader in the Comoro Islands told France the former colonial ruler, not to intervene, saying he had already honoured a promise to hand power to civilians. A French show of force off the Indian Ocean islands put local troops on edge

four days after the coup, which was spearheaded by 20 white mercenaries led by French soldier of fortune, Boh Denard. Reuter

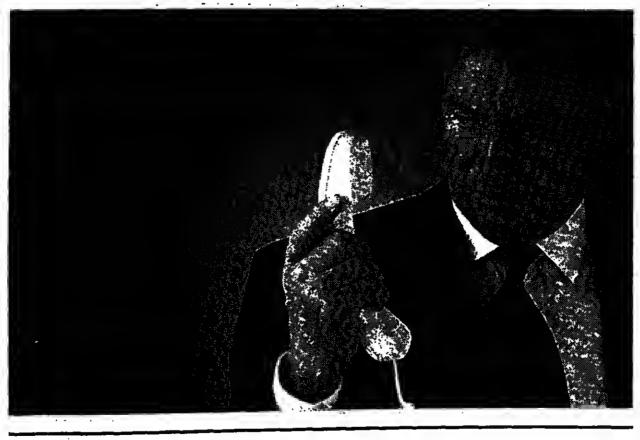
Self-destructing mines not so 'smart' Vienna - Landmines designed to self-destruct after a short time do not always do so, and will oot halt the death and destruction inflicted oo civilian populations, Oxfam said. Some nations, including the United States, attending a Vienna conference to review a convention on inhumane weapons, have said self-destructing "smart mines" would not remain a danger to civilians long after a conflict was over.

Somalis wage banana war

Mogadishu - Two powerful Somali faction leaders yesterday banned banana-exporting ships from docking in the capital's sea-port, in a move aimed at depriving their arch-rival, Mohamed Farah Aideed, of finances. A statement signed by Ali Mahdi, who controls north Mogadishu, and Osman Hassan Ali "Ato", Geoeral Aidced's former financier, warned of grave coosequences for ships ignoring the order.

Libya expels more Palestinians

Salloum, Egypt - Libya expanded refugee camps in the co-man's land along the border with Egypt as it expelled another 80 Palestinians, and hundreds more were expected. The latest arrivals brought to more than 300 the number of Palestinians who are trapped in the zone.



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Sir Fred Warner

Fred Warner's highest post in the Diplomatic Service was as ambassador to Japan from 1972 to 1975, one of the most important cmhassies at any time but especially so when Japan was emerging as a leading ecocomic power.

He was chosen because of his

outstanding energy and ability in spite of no previous knowledge of Japan or the Japanese language. His performance was considered excellent and after four years it was natural that he should have aspired to an even more prestigious post, Paris. When he was denied this he decided to take early retirement and embark on a new career in the City and as a member of the European Parliament. Warner's education had been

unusual, in that he attended both the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and also Magdalen College. Oxford. It always seemed to me that Magdaleo had made the greater imprint on his character. Fred Warner and I were con-

temporaries in the Diplomatic Service, buth of us having en-tered immediately after the Second World War. When I first met him he was private secretary to Hector McNeil, then Minister of State, while I was a junior member of one of the Foreign Office departments. He was tall, elegaot and goodlooking with a touch of arrogance in his bearing. I found him impressive then and remained impressed whenever I came across him subsequeotly.

As a young Foreign Office bachelor Warner lived rather grandly in chambers in Albany. He evidently had a certaio amount of mooey of his own and moved easily in smart society. But at the same time he was a serious and hard-working official who made his mark early. At the embassy in Moscow he wrote brilliant reports of journeys undertaken - in those days uncomfortably, even hazardously - in remote parts of the Soviet Union. Later, as a counsellor in the Foreign Office, he was a formidably com-petent head of the South-East Asia Department at the time of the confrootation between Malaysia and Indooesia in the early Sixties. He then had his first embassy as head of mission in Laos, from 1965 to 1967, where again he won high praise.

Before his final appointment to Tokyo, Warner occupied a post usually regarded as a step towards the top of the service, deputy head of the mission to the United Nations in New York with the rank of ambassador. It was there that, aged 52, he married Simone de Ferranti, thus taking on family commitments at a time when most men begin to shed them. They had two sons.

It was no doubt disappointing for Fred and his wife not to many loved him for it. At his died 30 September 1995.

go to Paris after Tokyo. They would have made a brilliant couple. But I doubt whether he would have found the post rewarding then, since the British government were going through a bad patch and the French were somewhat sneering about Britain's economic performance. So perhaps it was better for him to take on fresh challenges in the City and also in the political world oo becoming a memher of the European Parliament in 1979. He represented Somerset

well in this demanding role. Fred Warner was a lifeenhancing sort of person, full of enterprise and ready to take oo new things. He was at his best with people but no dunce on pa-per. I recall, for example, that

as MEP for five years and did



Photograph: Camera Press

he wrote in 1970 an outstandingly able analysis of the UN as-pects of the Rhodesia problem, which had a decisive influence on the evolution of policy un-der Edward Heath's government. Bot he would oot have regarded himself as an intellectual, still less an academic, and he never wrote anything for publication. He was a dever and attractive man with just that extra touch of political flair to take him out of the usual run of able public servants. He had style. Alan Campbell

Life with Fred Warner was full of surprises, writes Robert Cooper. From the time I first met him in New York in 1970, I never heard him say anything that was ordinary. "And in came the Ghanaian Amhassador looking like an unmade double bed" - recounting a minor

All the time I worked for him in Tokyo, and after, his language, like his life, was entirely original. Interpreting the unexpected phrases into Japanese was a challenge for his private secretary, the more so since he understood enough to know when I had got it wrong.

diplomatic incident there.

dinner table you oever knew who you would meet. A dinner for husinessmen might include an experimental novelist or a iazz musician. The Queen, when she came to Japan, was introduced to Sumo wrestlers as well as tea masters and captains of industry. On tour, Fred took as much delight in talking to the cooks and the gardeners as he did to mayors and governors. The gardeners especially. A

deep love of nature was something be shared with the Japanese. I never found a plant or flower that he was unable to identify. At the ambassador's summer residence at Chuzeoji, he cleared the paths for walking. Japanese visitors, invited for what they thought was a short stroll after lunch. would find themselves on a two-and-a-half-hour hike in the surrounding hills.
Within the Foreign Office,

Fred Warner was admired as an outstanding figure. Close to, I learnt to appreciate qualities beyond the knowledge, intellect and political feel he brought to the job. He was endlessly curi-ous and unfailingly courteous. For a man who himself always had something interesting to say, he was an astonishingly good listener.

As amhassador, what he did above all was to put Japan on the map in Britain. He opened many doors, but Britain in those days was oot always able to exploit the opportunities. His personal friendship with the head of the giant trading company Mitsui, for example, played a part in the latter's decision to

import British Leyland cars. With the old-fashioned courtesy weot an old-fashioned sense of honour. He turned down the joh as Permanent Representative in Brussels in 1975 partly hecause of the difficulty of reconciling his personal commitment to Europe and the increasingly ambiguous attitude of the government of

Frederick Archibald Warner, diplomat: born 2 May 1918; Second Secretary, Foreign Service 1946-50, First Secretary, Moscow 1950-51, Foreign Office 1951-56; Chargé d'Affaires, Rangoon 1956-58, Athens 1958-60, Head of South-Fore Aria Democratic of South-East Asia Department, Foreign Office 1960-64, Ambassador to Laos 1965-67. Minister, Nato 1968, Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Common-wealth Office 1969, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to UN 1969-72, Ambassador to Japan 1972-75; CMG 1963, KCMG 1972; GCVO 1975; Member (Conservative) of European Parliament for Somerset 1979-84; Chairman, Overseas Committee, CBI prising too. Some regarded him de Ferranti (née Nangle; two with a puzzled respect; hut sons, and one stepdaughter);



Charles Hutton

Charles Hotton could trace his artistic inheritance directly back to the founders of the Arts and Crafts movement a century ago, William Morris, W.R. Lethaby and C.R. Ashbee. He was Chief Assistant from 1929 to 1936 to Charles Holden, who had himself been Chief Assistant to Ashbee from 1897 to 1899. That their names were so similar was coincidental; more important was their common membership of and devotion to the ideals of the Art Workers

were at some time Master. Hutton was elected to the guild in 1951. He became Master in 1968 and also served as for the mistress of the per-frasurer. Trustee and Secre-fume magnate François Coty. tary, even continuing till 1988 as Hooorary Architect. This was the centre of his artistic being, and his work reflected the guild ideals, straight from William Morris, of honesty, solidity and good design.

Guild, where both Holdeo's

and Hutton's portraits can be

seen, and where all of the above

Hutton was born in Scotland. and he always upheld those Scottish qualities of honest endeavour, hospitality, and a liking for mixing with those of fellow mind, whether friends, fellow artists, or workmen on site. His father was an engineer, working mainly as a boiler inspector in the mills, and the fammy, and theo in Bolton, also by the assistant.

Holdeo's hame-town, where Hutton first worked as Junior Assistant to R.H. Crook.

He woo a scholarship to the Liverpool School of Architecture, and while a student there won the competition for a First World War memorial at Rawmarsh, in Yorkshire, in 1926. graduating in 1928. Later he taught at Liverpool, from 1936 to 1939, and also at the Architectural Association, in London. Huttoo's first job after uni-

versity was in Paris in the office of C.H. Mewes, son of Charles Mewes who designed the Ritz Hotels, so his first direct infinences were Beaux-Arts; but his most memorable job in France was to start the work for a house He had already returned to England before the project was completed by another, but this first visit to the South of France was the precursor of many in later life, and he retained a fondness for that country, preserved through many skilful pastels.

Hutton joined Holden's office in 1929, during the period when Holden was working with Frank Pick to revolutionise the image of London Transport. Hutton was directly involved with the design of several stations for the Uoderground, including Osterley and Arnos ily lived first in Sheffield, later Grove. It was Holden's practice



Hutton: garden-city corduroys

In 1931 Holden was appointed architect to London University, involving the de-struction of parts of Bloomsbury to build the Senate House. This building was detailed by Charles Hutton, who also drew perspectives of what was to be ondon's tallest building. He was thus introduced to

the preservation debate, the loss of Georgian Bloomsbury. being the modern architect's opportunity. The Underground stations were on green-field sites and remain the best buildings of their locality. They were among the first of their period selected for listing in 1969.

Huttoo moved to Welwyn share his experience, and as well in Glasgow, where Charles at- to sketch an idea for each sta- Garden City, near Holden's as teaching he served on BSI Bruce (three daughters); died teoded Bellahoustoo Acade- tioo which was then worked up home, and later to Tewin, like- committees, as RIBA repre- Williton, Somerset 11 September wise in Hertfordshire. Despite sentative on the boards of Wim-

moving to London in 1946 he always continued with the pipe and casual apparel of garden-city life, having to be hullied out of his corduroys and into the tweed suit for business meetings. During the Second World War he built ordnance factories (at Kirby, Walsall, and Wolverhampton) as Deputy to Sir William Holford. He opened his own office in 1944, in Welwyn, before moving to Hammer-smith, and finally retiring to Somerset in 1985. In his London years, Hutton

was busy with a remarkable va-

riety of buildings, built eco-nomically, but using up-to-date ideas and materials, concrete shell roofs for instance at the Murphy Radio factory in Wel-wyn (1953), warehouses and offices for the Danish Bacon Company (1950), the universi-ty farm at Wytham, outside Oxford (1952), the Social Club at the Guinness Brewery at Alperton (1960), and schools for Berkshire County Council. He was never an out-and-out modernist, but used new ideas in traditional ways and with fitting materials, particularly brick and tile among the reinforced concrete. He was a master of detail and encouraged contri-butions to his buildings from artists and craftsmen.

He was always willing to

hledon and Kingston Schools of Art, and as advisor to the National Council for Voluntary Organisations on designs for village halls. As well as his work in archi-

tecture Huttoo was a skilled cabinetmaker and metalworker, designing and often making furniture, jewellery, silverware, cutlery, and candlesticks, as well as wrought-iron work like wind vanes and gates. He could design and make a box, with handmade hinges, lock and key, inlay brass lettering on the lid, polish it, place a beautifully lettered scroll within. and present it with well-chosen phrases to the recipient. It is especially in this role that he will be remembered, for his last years were spent in his workshop and at his drawing board on just such projects.

Charles Hutton was a very active man, walking and cycling; and still running up stairs three at a time when 75. He was never interested in business, always charging too little for his time, and was a notably frightening

Charles William Hutton, architect, craftsman: born Annan, Dumfriesshire 28 July 1905: married 1932 Nora Maxwell (nee Knaggs; one daughter; marriage dissolved 1950), 1951 Fairlie

Sasha Argov, composer, died 27

Aditya Birla

Aditya Birla was head of an 80hillion-rupee (£1.65hn) industrial and business empire spread across Iodia and south-east

Although born into a formidahle husiness family, Birla branched out and established an industrial empire of his own which manufactured textiles, chemicals, engineering goods, fertilisers and palm oil. He was one of the first Indi-

an businessmen to start joint industrial ventures in Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia, where he was part owner of the

world's largest palm-oil refinery. In south-east Asia alone, Birla's expanding companies are pledged to investing almost £1bn over the oext three years. Birla believed the world was

his marketplace, hut his manufacturing base was India. "We are oot afraid of global com-petition," he said at a time when Indian goods were being trashed overseas. "Let it be afraid of us." Last year alooe, his husiness turnover was a shade under £1bn, almost half of it from overseas concerns. Birla was highly respected by

Trade and his business views and investment suggestions were constantly solicited by com-merce. He believed that big business can prosper only when internationally competitive, an opinion he repeatedly voiced to a protectionist Iodian government, supportive of monopolics and unrealistic import tariffs.

Boston. On returning home in 1965,

Birla was born in New Delhi in 1944, the favourite grandsoo of Ghanshyam Das Birla, founder of the vast Birla industrial empire. He graduated

William Morris, writer, artist and printer, 1896; Carl Nielsen, composer, 1931; Sir Arnold Edward Trevor

Bax, composer, 1953; Sir Henry Malcolm Watts Sargent, conductor, 1967; Woody (Woodrow Wilson)

Guthrie, singer and composer, 1967; Jean Anouilh, playwright, 1987. On this day: Gilbert and Sullivan's Yeomen of the Guard was first per-

formed, 1888; Queen Victoria and

her children were filmed while at Bal-

moral, 1896; the international distress

signal SOS was adopted, 1906; the official name of the Kingdom of Serbs,

Fair, Si Hesychius and Si Thomas Cantelupe of Hereford.

National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis,

"Myths and Fables (i): Piero di Cosi-mo in the National Gallery", tpm.

Victoria and Albert Museum: Jane

Shaw, "Terracotta Sculpture Tech-niques in England", 2.30pm.

Tate Gallery: Mark Durden, "Cindy

British Museum: Renée Friedma

City of the Lions: excavations at Tell

National Portrait Gallery, Jacobite

Lecture Series: John Cooper,

"King James II and the Origins of

Lectures

Sherman', 1pm.

el-Muqdam", 1.15pm

Jacobitism", 1.10pm.

the Indian government. He was in scieoce from St Xavier's a member of the Board of College, in Calcutta, and took a chemical engineering degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in

> he turned down his grandfather's offer of taking over Hindalco, an aluminium plant, and opted instead to enter the rayon and textile business, then virtually oo its last legs, hy establishing the Eastern Spinning Milk in Calcutta. Fifteeo months later, after his maiden venture registered handsome

profits, he was put in charge of Hindustan Gas and successfulw managed its expansion.

Birla was also given control

of Indo-Gulf Fertilisers and

Chemicals Ltd. which faced a

liquidity and managerial crisis. Within a short span it became a blue-chip company with a capital outlay today of over £200m. A series of industrial and business successes followed and by the late Seventies Birla had acquired the reputation of a wizcompanies around through a mixture of daring and the chutz-

Regins v Lincolnshire County

Wealden District Conneil, ex

Stratford; Queen's Benck Division (Mr Justice Sedley);

tice and Public Order Act 1994

statutory and humanitarian

considerations relating to the

welfare, health and other needs

Mr Justice Sedley granted a

declaration that it was incum-

bent on Lincolnshire to take

into account material consid-

erations when issuing a re-moval direction but refused to

quash its removal directions,

and quashed removal directions

made by Wealden and corre-

council made removal direc-

tions against travellers with

vehicles following objections.

No contact was made with the

travellers until they failed to

leave. Visits were then made by

social and education welfare

workers. The travellers made

In Lincolnshire's case, the

sponding removal orders.

of those affected.

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31 August 1995

Council, ex parte Atkinson; R v

pah to pump money into projects others were wary about. In 1983, after his grand-father's death, Birla inherited

husinessmen. Beside its size. Birla's empire is also a world leader today in manufacturing several products - Hindalco is amoogst the world's largest low-cost producers of aluminium and Grasim the largest ard, capable of turning ailing producer of viscose staple fibre. In 1990 Birla was declared Business Man of the Year and

soon after became a director of India's Central Bank and Air India, besides advising the government on its four-year-old the lion's share of this empire market reform policies. and over the oext 12 years be-A competent hadminton came one of India's foremost

player, Birla was also a moderately successful artist, who held an exhibition of his oil paintings in Bombay in 1990.

Aditya Vikram Birla, business

man, industrialist: born New Delhi 14 November 1944; married (one son, one daughter); died Baltimore 1 October 1995.

September, aged 81. Helped create modern Israeli music, writing more than 1,200 tunes, which borrow largely from Russian folk music. Awarded the Israel Prize in 1988. Doreen Cannon, drama teacher,

died 18 September, aged 64. Taught at the Drama Centre and at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, in London, where she was senior acting tutor.

Alison Steele, disc jockey, died New York City 27 September, aged 58. One of the first female disc jockeys in the United States, known to late-night lis-teners as "the Nightbird". HERY WATE

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Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

BURN: In Cambridge, on 27 Septem-ber, to Susannah and Alastair, a daughter Florence Cecily, a sister for William and Matilda. DEATHS

JOHNSON: Francis Frederick, CBE DLitt FSA DipArch RIBA, Died on

DLitt FSA DipArch RIBA. Died on 29 September, nged 84. He will be greatly missed by his many friends. Funeral service at the Priory Church, Bridlington, on Thursday 5 October at 1 pm followed by a provate burial. No flowers please, but if you wish, donations in his memory for the Bridlington Priory Restoration Appeal can be sent to Ernest Brigham Funeral Directors Ltd. 51 St John Street, Bridlington, E Yorkshire YO16 5NN. LACEY: Norma, peacefully on 27 Sep-tember, Wife of John, Mother of Pe-ter and Nick, grandmother of Josh, Olivia, Tom. William, Fred, Lettice. Thea. Charley and Caspar. No flowers. Donations to LSE Foundation, 0171-955 7075. Service at St Michael's, Highgate, at 12 noon on Monday 9 October.

WARNER: Sir Fred Archibald, GCVO ARCHER SIT FIEL ARCHIOLD, G. V. V. KCMG, ided peacefolly at home on Saturday 30 September surrounded by a loving family and friends. A small funeral will take place at St Mary's, Stoke Abbot, Dorset, on Friday 6 October. The date for a memorial se October. The dale for a memorial ser-vice will be announced later. Dona-tions can be made to the Tree Donor Scheme (BTCV), 36 St Marv's Street, Wallingford, Orforeshire OK (10 EU, Flowers may be sent, if preferred, En-quiries to A.J. Walczey, Bridport, (1,308 423726.

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Forthcoming marriages Mr B. J. Shefford

The engagement is announced be-tween Benedict, elder soo of Mr T. Shefford, of Rhodes Minnis, Kent. and Mrs R. Shefford, of Cologne, Germany, and Viktoria Jane Lloyd, youngest daughter of Mrs J. Lloyd, of Lenham Heath, Kent.

Birthdays

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division, a former Lord Justice of Appeal, 71; Mr Christopher Bruce, dancer and choreographer, 50, Mr Chubby Checker, rock singer, 54; Mr Juhn Craxton, artist, 73; Lord Deaham, former Lord-in-Waiting in the Queen, 68; Mr Roger Ellis, for-mer Master of Marlborough College, 66; Sir Terence English, Master, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, 63; Mr Neale Fraser, tennis player, 62; Sir Roger Hervey, former ambas-sador to Mexico, 61; Lord Knights, former Chief Constable, West Mid-lands, 75; Mr Ray Lindwall, cricketer, 74; Mr Ruggero Raimondi, operat-ic bass, 54; Sir Shridath Ramphal QC, former Secretary-General of the Communwealth, 67; Mr Steve Michael Reich, composer, 59; Vis-count Sidmouth, furmer colonial officer, 81; Sir Jnha Stow, former

Anniversaries

Births: Pierre Bonnard, painter, 1867; (Henri-Alban) Alain-Fournier. writer, 1886; Louis Aragon, poet and oovelist, 1897; Thomas Clayton

Governor-General of Barbados, 84; Mr John Suthera, jockey, 44; Mr Gore Vidal, author, 70.

Wolfe, novelist, 1900; Sir Michael Murray Hordern, actor, 1911. Deaths: St Francis of Assisi, 1226;

Royal Institution of Chartered

Mr Simon Post, President of the Roy Mr Simon Port, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, yesterday hested a huncheon at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, London SW1, for Mr David Curry MP, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Urban Regeneration at the institutino's benderators. headquarters.

ficial name of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes was changed to Yugoslavia, 1929; Italian troops invaded Abyssinia (Ethiopia), 1935; the first British atomic device was exploded in the Monte Bellu islands, in the Pacific, 1952; East and West Germany were reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany, 1990. Foday is the Feast Day of St Attilanus, St Froilam, St Gerard of Brogne, St Ewald the Dark, St Ewald the Fair. St Hesvehius and St Thomas Appointments

Mr John Chalstrey, to be Lord Mayor of London

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

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Luncheons HM Government

Mr Jeremy Hanley MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Common wealth Affairs, yesterday hosted a farewall hosch at Lancaster Huuse, London SW1, for Senor Ignacio Ar-caya, the Venezuelan Ambassador.

power under the Criminal Justo make removal directions against persons unlawfully encamped oo land in its locality, must have regard to various

Mr Stephen Harris Lloyd, to be a circuit judge, assigned in the South-Eastern Circuit (not the Northern Circuit, as previously announced).

Changing of the Guard
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Queen's Guard, at Buckington Palace, 113,
band provided by the Greender Guards.

Inquiries necessary before removing campers

fore justices who made removal orders. In the Wealden cases the. A local authority, when decid-

council gave a removal direcing whether to exercise its tion to all occupants of vehicles oo land and obtained removal orders from the justices which were not enforced pending in-quiries about health and other needs of the occupants. Following inquiries, the council decided there were no special grounds for oot enforcing the removal order except in relation to a pregnant woman and her family.

The applicants, who were encamped on the councils' land, applied for judicial review of the directions and orders. The issue of whether a removal direction affected persons who arrived on the land after the date when it was given also arose.

David Watkinson and Colin Hutchinson (Firth Lindsay, Sheffield; Public Law Project) for the applicants; Patrick Ground QC and Timothy Straker (County Solicitor); Richard Langham (District Solicitor) for the

Mr Justice Sedley said that secoo requests for assistance. tions 77 to 79 of the 1994 Act section 77 could apply only to

LAW REPORT

Complaints were then laid be- dealt with local authorities' powers to remove unauthorised campers. The considerations, to which regard must be had when a local authority exercised those powers, which were not statutory, were considerations

of common humanity that could not be ignored when dealing with fundamental human oeeds for shelter and a modicum of security. The statutory duties includ-ed the duty under the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need, to provide accommodation for children in need, the

> cation Acts to provide education for school-age children.
> As the local authority had an initial discretion whether or not to give a removal direction in relation to an encampment, it must necessarily apply its mind to the people who were for the

time residing there and the residents in the locality and strike a balance between competing and conflicting needs. Therefore a removal direction under

duty under the Housing Act

1985 in relation to persons who unintentionally became

homeless, and under the Edu-

persons who were on the land at the time when the direction was made, and could be contravened only by such persons.

In Lincolnshire's case, the inquiries made after the removal direction were proper and sufficient to discharge the coun-cil's obligation to inform itself of the relevant facts and oothing emerged to modify its decision. In the Wealden cases the inquiries made after the justices' removal order brought into full coosideration the relevant matters.

The giving and service of a removal direction criminalised anybody who, knowing of it, failed to go or, having gone, returned to the site. It was at the initial stage of deciding whether to give the removal direction, and to whom to give it. that it was necessary for the local authority to consider the relationship of its proposed action on the various statutory and humanitarian considerations which would be called into play, and to make provi-

sion and decision accordingly. In Lincolnshire's case a declaration would be granted and certiorari declined. In the Wealden cases, its directions and the justices' orders would

be quashed.

Ying Hui Tan, Barrister

To: Tony Blair
From: Philip Gould (aka DM)
Subject: Unfinished Revolution (co.) Decision time for Labour When did Labour ever Dear Ton trust a I know you will be spelling out again with colleagues this week the need costs to business? I don't feel these are dilemmas we have yet resolved. Perhaos not to be complacent. While it is true that no government has had ratings so we are driven back to the old notion of "the enabling state" to define a "coherlow for so long as the present one, it might help to stress Labour's extraorent theory of Blairism". Maybe we wall follow. But let's not dinary experience in the run-up to the need a new way of saying this. If you agree I will discuss with BMP. 1964 election. We are 19 months away from the last moment that John Major can call the election. At the same print Economy (and old Labour) in 1963 Gallup had Labour at 50 points, and in the summer of that year its lead here. Even Liz Davies welcomed it, for Gordon Brown was excellent in holdgoodness sake. But it is vital that we stick ing the line against "tax, spend and borresponsibility.
Tenclose an article in the latest issue row" yesterday and was rewarded by opposition falling away when the minimum wage motion and the T&G's old to our line on not raising personal taxover the Tories went up to 20 points -amazing for that era (graph attached). ation for ordinary aspiring families and that Brown is given continued public backing from the whole Shadow Cabiby Alex De Mont, a former The government had been engulfed Over adviser who has now and is on the board of Market Foundation. He Labour rallying cry on the economy in sleaze; the prime minister was widely weren't even pressed to a vote. All our quantitative and qualitative polling regarded as ineffective, and Labour had a hugely popular leader in Harold he had been policies by themselves a new identity for new identity for new identity for the first finded to do for the first land loses its shine in the Blainst framework will Wilson (personal approval rating after the 1963 party conference of 67 percent compared with the newly chosen. Sir Alec Douglas Home's 42). Yet in the shows that GB's got it right, and in any Don't let what I said about a unified case we modernisers thoroughly reject the idea that Labour can or should go command structure in May distract us into the next election once again hamfrom the need to demonstrate that Labour is not a one-man band. Unless mering middle-income, let alone lowermonth before the election our lead narthe extent to which it transcends income, groups with higher taxes. I we do something about this we will How the Tories could recover the chirch district over EMU could east over allegating Day division, parJuly wasn't, of course, a Bory relational ticularly since the Euro-rebels were warmly disposed nowards. Rifking's at least partly successful. On the one "British interests" speech at Charham hand our private polling shows grifte a House. As you well because the services are to the class. rowed to only three points and on become increasingly vulnerable to what is sure to be an intensifying line of Tory attack: that you are persuasive but the rest of the Shadow Cabinet belong to know, too, that you are pretty dismissive of the idea that the neo-Keynesian Labour Party boundaries and repositions social democracy beyond tradi-The political battleground tional right and left agendas".

This may be just a lot of SDP flan-nel and De Mont doesn't give examples. left has any coherent strategy, let alone 1963 and 1995 the leadership and organisation, to offer a credible alternative. But there a different, "real", and thoroughly unreconstructed Labour Party (see But let me try one on you. The Gov-ernment has been discussing for some are quite a few disgruntled pro-Labour academics around who are looking for Standard cutting, attached, top right). settled view on the part of the elec- groups of disaffected fory voters aren't torate that Heseltine is there because keen on an uncritical line towards the time scrapping both state industrial Our polling suggests that beside your-self, only GB, JP(1) and to some extent a more old-style redistributive and jobcreating programme. These guys have to be watched, if only because they help injury insurance and state maternity of a deal to save Major's skin, which BU; we must avoid ending up out-works against Major's public image. Henked and looking more pro European But Heseltine is certainly an effective than the Europeans themselves. Should benefit. We have opposed, as you would HH have a clear identity with the votexpect, both these plans. But wait a minute - isn't the principle involved just to fuel unease within the party. Keep ers. RC and J5 are there, of course, but an eye, too, on Roy Hattersley, who was need to be higher profile, singing the presenter (who yesterday appointed his: JP(2) prepare a paper on this? the same as that for the national miniat it again on tax yesterday. And we same tune, of course. Plans are in hand own personal press spokesman) and as
Major's main front man, along with . The project
Clarke, is capable of drawing blood': faming informative from us. This is going to be increasingly about what I called important from the late automa. The 'a' political project should note the research in the Indemum wage? Namely that the state/tax-payers should not subsidise employers to ensure that happens. Meanwhile: have a good one. PG. pendent yesterday showing that not all famegnificantly less womed than I was about what I called in May "the lack of a political project that matches the That there agends of 1979, nor one that that do not fulfil their responsibilities.

After all, if employers were obliged the new members joining the party are as reconstructed opponents of tax and spending as we had hoped. Glossary
PG Philip Gould, Blair adviser, JP(1)
John Prescott, JP(2) Jonathan Powell,
Blair's chief of staff; AC Alastair Campbell, Blair's press secretary; GB Gordon
Brown, FM Peter Mandelson; RC Robin
Cooks, IS Jack Street, HH Harris Herto take out third purty insurance against industrial injuries the insurance com-We all know that part of our task is to bring old Labour with us - without March 1963 Sept 1995 only question in town that matters is going to be "can Labour be stopped?" . will be able to sastain Labour in gov-And we can expect to see the Daily Mail ... ernment and transform Britain". Since panies would soon ensure that their Conservative Liberal/LibDem (95) making concessions - and I thought GB health and safety policies were up to . and maybe the Sun july the Daily the tramph of the Land Clause IV and Express in trying to make the angers of the Land of the after that, a was first-class at finding the right lanscratch. Far from taking the traditional Cook; IS Jack Straw, HH Harriet Har-man; BMP Boase Massimi Pollin – Labour's advertising agency. "left" position that the state should pro-Labour guage to do this yesterday. That's partly what I was getting at in May when I warned that Labour was not "yet a cohe-Other vide, shouldn't we be saying let's relieve the taxpayer of this burden and put it on the employers. Or have we moved sive, integrated political party sharing so fair to the "right" that we, like the the same political ideology". GB's Government, shrink from adding any promise on VAT on fuel was a big help DM - Donald Macintyre. drafting assistant

Diary

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On Saturday night, respectable residents of Streatham, south London, heard for the first time in 20 years a din emanating from Ambleside Avenue. Alarmed, they shook their heads, locked their doors and told their teenage

children to ster in: On this Payne was holding her final party.

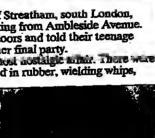
It was, according to Payne party veterans, a most nostalgic man. There were men dressed as vicars, retired prostitutes dressed in rubber, wielding whips, and plenty of bedroom activity - all in

the incongruous surroundings of Poyne's typically neat suburban decor - flowery walipaper and patterned carpets. "Just like the old days," guests kept muttering, while la grande dame was misty-eyed with emotion. She held the party as a final tribute to days gone by, since, in the style of the Princess of Wales, she is retiring "from public

Even local cabbies who collected guests in the small hours shed a tear or two. "Before you get in, we better tell you we don't accept luncheon vouchers," they told passengers jokingly, sighing afterwards: "we haven't had to say that for 20 years."

Delegates attending the conference of the International Telecommunications Union, opened by Nelson Mandela in Geneva yesterday, perked up when they learnt that security required them each to have a conference code-name. "Mine is Sibelius," a BBC executive announced excitedly, and I know that someone else's is Presley. The million-dollar question is, what is John Birt's?" The Beeb men plan, I believe, to walk up to Birt throughout the convention calling him every mposer's name from Bach to Strauss until he acknowledges one. Ah well I guess if beats talking about Vilre telecommunications industry.

in the good old days MPs existed to help and represent their constituents. Alas, it seems that nowadays Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, lory MP for Circucester and Tewkesbury thinks he is far too busy for such humdrum concerns. He recently received a letter from



Retiring Cynthia

18-year-old Amy Street, an A-level student at a Cotswold comprehensive, asking for literature on Tory Party policy on Europe to help her for her history coursework project comparing current divisions in the party over Europe with those provoked by the Corn Laws in 1846.

It seems, however, that Mr Clifton-Brown's sensibilities were offended by her approach. Instead of responding to Ms Street, he wrote to her headmaster, saying: "It is really not the function of a Member of Parliament to assist students with their courses ... this request is going well beyond the parameters of an MP
... I would be most grateful if you
would pass on this information to all your staff to preclude other students writing with similar requests."

Ms Street, an intelligent lady, on course for Oxford, is understandably miffed. "All I wanted was a leaflet. I hardly think he would have got a deluge of pestering letters," she says.
"He also had the cheek to send me a letter on my 18th birthday - because, no doubt, he wants my vote at the general election." Something tells me he's blown that one.

Speaking of Tory splits on Europe, this week sees the launch of Andrew Roberts's début thriller, The Auchen lemorandum, a work of unadulterated propagands for the Eurosceptic cause (Roberts is the historian who joined John Redwood's bandwagon in the summer). His book is set in the United States of Europe in 2045 where evil and corruption abound in government (of course) and the good guys are the insurrectionist movement of Nats

(nationalists). The most mystifying thing about this book is the identity of the man upon whom Roberts has based his fat balding, but none the less very brilliant asthmatic journalist bero, Horatio Lestoq.

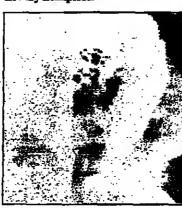
Vesticially, he is undoubtedly Matthew d'Ancona, a fellow of All Souls and assistant editor of the Times who published the controversial Irish Framework document earlier this year. Roberts labels Lestoq the "demon document detective" — a reference to d'Ancona's forthcoming publication alleging that certain fragments found at Oxford are eye-witness accounts of Christ. "There are also," Roberts concedes, "parts of Dean Godson – a Sunday Telegraph leader writer - in him." But Lestoq has one character trait that d'Ancons assures me he does not recognise. The man is a regular Lothario. And when he isn't actually in bed with a pouting mega-babe, he has sex on the brain.
"When he gets to the bedreom, all resemblance to me ends," says
d'Ancona firmly. "That's the part of
him that was unmistakably Andrew
Roberts [recently married] in his bachelor days.

To the launch of Prospect, Britain's new phiralistic political monthly magazine, which, it must be said, bears a closer resemblance to an inflight magazine, on the outside at least, than to any august political journal. Still, the party at Senate House, in Bloomsbury, London, was,

to everybody's enormous surprise, packed. Many, including John Brown, owner of Viz magazine, had not got a clue why they had been asked. "I don't understand it," Brown told friends. "David Goodhart [Prospect's editor] asked me to contribute to the magazine's funding. I refused - not very politely - yet he still asked me."

But all became clear when Goodhart got up to speak. He thurked all those who had cont. Butted and all those who hadn't - for the latter be said had stiffened his resolve to publish. "That's why I decided to invite them tonight ... they know who they are," he declared. At which point several in the room, Brown included. stared fixedly into their drinks.

Those of you who can recall from Four Weddings and a Funeral, Duckface's floral bridal arrangem - surely one of the factors that caused Grant's character to jilt her at the altar - may be interested to know that its manufacturer has written a book called *Wedding Flowers*, published this month. In the manner of Hugh Grant, the florist Simon Lycett, 28, has acquired fame on the back of FWAP. Not only has Ebury press asked him to write the book on wedding arrangements, but he has also just finished doing the flowers for the forthcoming film Restoration, starring Meg Ryan and Robert Dowey jnr. "My next project is Trevor Numn's Twelfth Night," he tells me happily. At last! A suitable period for that revolting flowery headpiece.



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And for his next trick ...

Since the trauma of the 1992 election, the Labour Party has sweated hard to rid itself nf its high tax image. But if the party won't raise taxes, how will it fund any programme to improve the lot of the unemployed, the schoolchildren and the patients? In the past, Labour has said that the key was to hring down unemployment and release some of the billions of pounds currently paid to them in benefits. How the magic reduction in unemployment was to take place remained unclear, especially if there was to he no extra spending in the

short term to get people into jobs.
Gordon Brown's policy proposals, outlined over the past few days, attempt to fill this gap. As of yesterday, Labour now has a list of programmes to help the under 25s and the long-term unemployed to find work. Sure, it will cost a lot; at least a hillion in the first year. But now the Shadow Chancellor, when asked how he'll pay for it, can brandish his windfall tax on the utilities. "Look," he cries, "in my left hand I bave a programme, and in my right hand, hey presto! I have the money!

It is a neat bit of political footwork. But is it right? Hypothecating the windfall tax to pay for unemployment is a device to explain how expensive policies and not increasing individual taxes are compatible. It is not necessarily the economic structure most appropriate to solving the problem of unemployment, or utility tax-ation. If, for instance, the windfall tax were to raise less money than expected, would the training programme be reduced

by that amount? Of course not. It would be better (if less spectacular) to keep the two commitments separate

The second major theme of the Shadow Chancellor's address shares some of these rather showy characteristics. In calling for a cut in VAT on fuel to 5 per cent, Mr Brown is attempting to shift the tax/spend debate in a different direction again. By avoiding any judgement about the overall level of tax, or about when tax cuts would be preferable to spending increases, he is focusing instead on the structure of taxation, and which kinds of tax cuts would be preferable to others. On the face of it this is a much easier argument for Labour to win. Cutting VAT on fuel is more progressive than most tax cuts because it benefits even those who are too poor to pay tax altogether. But leaving aside the environmental arguments about taxing fuel consumption, is a wholesale cut in VAT on fuel better than, say, reducing the level of VAT on a wider range of items?

Most important, the really difficult questions about the overall burden of taxation, or who would win any possible trade off between £500m on VAT cuts and increased education spending, all remain unan-swered. For Gordon Brown there is little to be gained and much to be lost by giving any more detailed commitments on tax and spending so long before an election. But at the moment there is the slightly unhealthy whiff of low politicking about Mr Brown's proposals: a politicking which next week the Tories will be only too happy to match.

The wall comes down in Ireland

Two unconnected events yesterday should give us hope for a political settlement in Ireland. First, David Trimble, the new Ulster Unionist leader, visited Dublin for talks, Second, Dr Desmond Connell, the Catholie Archbishop of Dublin, said he was sorry if he had mis-led the Irish public.

Seen together these developments highlight an extraordinary phenomenon: the crumbling of a rigid social and political order that bas held back the chances of reconciliation between the island's

Until relatively recently the grip of the Catholic church was unchallenged south of the border: bishops did not apologise. Likewise, Protestant Unionism was unyielding in its northern citadel: its leaders did not sup in Dublin. So the southero and northern states polarised, one the bastion of Irish Catholic nationalism, the other a beleaguered guardian of British values, culture and the Protes-

tant religion. All this is changing. The fall from grace of the Irish bishops has been dramatic. As we report today in our second section, their authority has recently been severely undermined by scandals, including child abuse by several priests and revelations that some senior clergy have for years been hreaking their vows of celibacy. Finally, yesterday, Dr Connell apologised for any confusion sown by his earlier denial that church funds were used to make settlements in sex abuse cases. Church money, albeit a loan, has in

fact been used to pay an alleged victim. Public exposure of these scandals marks the secularisation of southero Irish society. The Republic's young, well-educated population has lost faith in clerical author-

ANOTHER VIEW Stephen Shaw

Just as with electronic tagging and prison privatisation, the Government's

reported enthusiasm for a British Alca-

traz is annther sign of the obsession with

American law and nrder fads. Supermax prisons are all the rage in the US and it

seems nne nr two are to be recom-

mended in the forthcoming report on

prison security from general Sir John

Of course, there is a case for concen-

trating the greatest security risks in one

or more fortress prisons. By focusing

resources on those who genuinely pose n

severe threat in the public, security lev-cls elsewhere in the system could he

reduced. But there is a significant down

side. The costs - both to build and to run

a Supermax - are likely to be exorbitant.

Whn would envy the staff asked to work

there? And what message would be sent

to the prisoners, confined to a jail they

Only a fool would deny the seriousness

of the escapes from Whitemoor and

Parkhurst that have led to this Supermax

proposal. In the space of four months,

more top-security prisoners escaped than

in the previous 30 years put together. The

breakouts themselves, the use of guns, and the discovery of Semtex explosive were an

appalling operational failure and a grave embarrassment for the Prison Service and

But it is worth remembering that the

Whitemoor escape was from that jail's

Special Security Unit (since renamed in

the Government

would see as the end of the line?

Learmont.

No security for the jailer

ity. After 75 years of self-government, Irish citizens have gained enough self-con-fidence to rethink what defines their sense of Irishness. One result is that nationalism is increasingly being shorn of its territorial ambitions in Ulster. In a similar vein, Irish identity is no longer inex-tricably linked to being Catholic. Mary Robinson, the country's secularist Presi-dent, spends much of her time preaching a new type of Irishness that is neither religious in orientation nor territorially acquisitive. She speaks instead of a nation that includes an emigrant diaspora, unbounded by borders.

Of course, vestiges of the old Irish state remain: divorce and abortion remain illegal. But the direction of development, towards pluralism and diminished Catholic cierical power, is elear.

All of this makes it easier for Mr Trimble to come to Dublin to meet the Irish premicr; the first Unionist leader to do so for nearly 30 years. And, appropriately, Mr Trimble arrived with an assertive rather than a traditional confrontational message. He urged John Bruton, the Taoiseach, to take Ireland back into the Commonwealth and to end the Irish Republic's constitutional claim to the North. Just a decade ago, such changes would have been as unthinkable as the Archbishop of Dublin admitting error. Today both options are under serious consideration. And if Britain and the Republic joined a single European currency, Mr Trimhle's third demand - a merger of the Irish punt and the pound -

could also be achieved. Somehow, less than a month after Mr Trimble's controversial election, the omens for his leadership look considerably better than feared.

a classic case of old wine in new bottles as the High Security Unit - presumably on the grounds that it was not specially

secure). It seems one reason for the

complacency among Whitemoor staff and Prison Service officials was the belief

Throughout history, prisoners have tried to escape from captivity. It is a nat-

ural human reaction to confinement.

Similarly, in prisons down the ages, it has

been the duty of prison administrators to

But since the Whitemoor and Park-

hurst escapes, the Prison Service has

heen engaged in security overkill. It has lost sight of that balance hetween the

needs of security, control and justice

which, in his report following the Strange-

ical to effective prison management.

When it is published in a couple of

weeks' time, the Learmont report is likely

to contain little of comfort for either the

Home Secretary or Prison Service HQ.

There is a danger, therefore, that they will

seize on his recommendation for a Super-

max as a way of deflecting attention

from his other criticisms and proposals.

Indeed, it is ironic that the idea of a

Supermax is being floated at a time when

some of the prime candidates - members

of the IRA - are busy being transferred

The writer is director of the Prison Reform

to prisons across the Irish Sea.

orison riot, Lord Woolf said was crit-

make escape as difficult as possible.

that the unit was escape-proof.

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- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Human rights, British politicians and the European Court

From Mr Donald Cape Sir: From the 1950s, acceptance

of the European Convention on Human Rights has been regarded as necessary to qualify for mem-bership of the Council of Europe, whose statute Britain helped to draft. In recent years acceptance of the jurisdiction of the court and of the right of individual petitioo has been required of would-be new members, such as the formerly Communist countries of Eastern Europe.

To withdraw now would be to proclaim to the world that Britain, alone of all the countries of Europe (including Turkey), is unwilling to offer "all persons within its jurisdictioo" an international guarantee of "their human rights and fundamental

freedoms". Is this what Bill Cash, MP, (Another View, 29 September) really wants? Yours faithfully,

DONALD CAPE Guildford, Surrey 30 September The writer was the UK Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe, 1978-83.

From Mr Nick Hancock Sir. Bill Cash's alternative leader on the topic of the European Court of Human Rights perfectly

illustrates the need for that court - and, indeed, for the Convention on Human Rights to be incorporated into our domestic law. When he complains about awards in favour of avowed terrorists and convicted drug traffickers, he fails to appreciate that, however odious they may seem to us, they too have rights. It was to protect these rights after the excesses of the Second World War that the

convention was drawn up.

Mr Cash is afraid of judges making politically motivated decisions; he does not appreciate

stitutional function is to protect against politically motivated decisions - particularly those of politi-cians themselves. It is when political or public pressure is greatest that independent financial scrutiny is most needed. Maybe this was why the Government has recently had so many run-ins with the courts, both domestic and international. Yours faithfully,

NICK HANCOCK Solicitor Scarcroft, West Yorkshire 29 September

From Mr Simon Creighton Sir. The High Court ruling that Michael Howard acted unlawfully in setting the parole review of five IRA prisoners will come as no surprise to prisoners or their lawyers. Earlier this year the European Commission on Human Rights had already decided that a similar complaint by another discretionary lifer over delays of more than a year in his first parole hearing was

admissible for consideration. This judgment must be seen in the context of the Government's refusal to accept the European Court ruling on the Gibraltar killings. The European Court forced the Government to adopt its present procedures for the release of discretionary lifers some years ago, and the halfhearted manner in which this has been done highlights the reluctance to comply with these judgments. It is particularly worrying that the present government seems to find the provision of basic human rights either unde-sirable or unaffordable.

Mr Howard has found his policies and decisions declared unlawful on an unprecedented number of occasions. The irony

that jndges are guided, for the most part, by the law. Their conthe unlawful actions of the Home Secretary is overshadowed by the serious abuses of basic rights that are revealed in such cases. Yours faithfully, SIMON CREIGHTON Prisoners' Advice Service London, NW1

> From Ms Sarah Hipperson
> Sir; Colin Brown's article "Britain
> could quit convention" (29 September) confirms my understanding that some of Her Majesty's ministers only have. respect for the law when it enables them to carry out their political policies; when the law gets in their way they simply ignore it, leaving the injured parties to seek relief through the

29 September

Miebael Howard seems to have the same tendency to go beyond his ministerial powers that Michael Heseltine bas. Both have had to be brought into line by the courts on numerous occasions.

When Mr Heseltine was Secretary of State for Defence be made by-laws for Greenham Common in 1985, producing invalid law in excess of his lawmaking power. It took a long four-year journey through the courts before he was brought into line. Lord Lowry ooted in the judgment that

It is up to the law-maker to keep within his powers and it is in the public interest that he should take care in order that the public may be able to rely on the written word as representing the law.

If Her Majesty's Government attempts to deny her citizens access to the European courts. there should be an outcry from all who value the right to call to account ministers like Messrs

Howard and Heseltine who go beyond the limits of their powers. Yours sincerely,

SARAH HIPPERSON Women's Peace Camp Greenham Common Berkshire 2 October

From Mr Gerard Feehily Sir: Tim Willcocks (letter, 30 Sep-tember), in his assertion that IRA members had to "be prepared for the consequences" of fighting a war with Britain, is either being extremely naive or wilful.

Never in the 25 years of the conflict did the British army or successive governments ever make clear to the broader public that they were fighting a "terrible and unnecessary war". Rather, they claimed to be neutral arbiters in an age-old conflict between Northern Irish nationalists and loyalists. Any other claim would bave undermined Britain's argument for keeping troops in the province; and, since 1994, would have undermined its status as guarantor of the peace process. It is only in this context that the British government's hostility to

the European ruling becomes clear. If the SAS did unlawfully kill three "unfortunate" members of the IRA, how does this square with Britain's supposed role? To imply, as Mr Willcocks does, that the Gibraltar Three were casualties of war is to imply

that the army and the IRA were equal belligerents. This also suggests that the IRA was not a terrorist organisation, but an army with legitimate goals. It would be most surprising if any member of the Government or the British army were to come out publicly and agree with him.

Thalidomide facts

rom Mr Christopher Lingurd

Sir. Roger Jones of Penn Pharma-ceuticals (Magazine: "The return of thalidomide", 23 September)

may well have spotted a lucrative

niche market for his company's

product but, as a commentator on

the thalidomide parents' settle-ment with Distillers in the early

Seventies, he displays a dangerous

The fact that thalidomide

who simply maintained that it was

unreasonable to expect them to have discovered that fact. To sug-

gest, as Mr Jones does, that the

parents only settled because they

had evidence that weakened then

own case is scurrilous nonsense

a disparate group who faced a multi-million-pound company

with virtually unlimited resource

to fight the case and who wielded

that economic muscle in rather

distasteful ways. The fact that the

parents achieved a settlement at all reflects creditably on them.

Unfortunately, since the Seven

ties, the level of the settlement has

proved inadequate. Perhaps as

Mr Jones and the other pharma-

ceutical companies rake in their

profits, they will reflect on the fight

that the British victims are still

waging for realistic compensation. Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER LINGARD

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Legal Adviser Thalidomide Action Group

The thalidomide parents were

lack of comprehension.

GERARD FEEHILY Paris 30 September

EU's future: Labour's view

From Mr Giles Radice, MP Sir: The National Executive Committee's report The Future of the European Union, which is to be debated at the Labour Party conference on Tuesday morning. is undoubtedly the most pro-European document ever to be published by the party. It proposes a European Recovery Fund. to tackle unemployment, more qualified majority voting and greater powers for the European

Parliament. Its positive tone is in marked contrast to the disappointing Chatham House speech of the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind Mr Rifkind's new European doctrine that "it may be: appropriate to accept a loss of influence if that is the only way to protect our interests" may please the Tory Euro-sceptics. But, if carried into operation, it would lead yet again to unpotent isolation – a state which would be

very much against our interests.

Economic and monetary union and a single European currency raise the issue of British interests in a highly controversial and farreaching way, so much so that, as your leading article today points out ("Valencia's message to Brighton"), many people wish they would simply go away. It is, of course, quite possible that the project may not get off the ground. But the successful mecting of European finance ministers in Valencia is an indication that British politicians would be unwise to hank on it. It is still quite conceivable that, if not by 1999, then soon afterwards, Germany. France and some other countries will have introduced a single currency.

The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is right to keep open the option of British participation and to prepare for it, just as the Labour Party is right, in opposition, to declare its support in principle, provided that our economy is in good enough shape by then. Sensible British Europeans understand that, if Emn does go ahead, this country would almost certainly benefit more from being inside rather than outside.

Yours. GILES RADICE MP for Durham North (Lab) Brighton October

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From Sir Denys Lasdun Sir. Your article ("Brutalist, original, but a slum", 2 October) about Keeling House is seriously misleading. The building is structurally sound. It requires restora-tion, when it will then provide some 60 homes with a life expectancy of at least 60 years. The building was much loved by its previous tenants. Yours sincerely, DENYS LASDUN London, SWI 2 October

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Fallacies of the publishing market

From Professor Conrad Russell Sir: Germaine Greer's onslaught on Oxford and Cambridge University Presses ("Away with price-fixing - and on with VAT!", 29 September) shows that she has fallen victim to the fallacy that everything can be done by the principles of the market.

University presses are, and must be, dedicated not to publishing profitable books, but to publishing good books. A book that transforms its field may achieve sales well short of four figures. Footnotes on the page, which irritate commercial pub-lishers, are essential to the book's credibility and usefulness. Such books cannot be published unless they are given some protection from the rigours of the market: Gresham's Law applies to books as clearly as it does to money, and in both cases markets have to be

My father was irritated that he had to pay Cambridge Uni- offender ("Away with price-fixing versity Press £50 to print his - and on with VATI", 29 Sep-

Principia Mathematica. However, he understood that on pure market terms it could not have been published at all. Ms Greer's principles would prevent the publication of this sort of book, while allowing a rapid growth of pulp scholarship. Is this what she wants? Yours sincerely, CONRAD RUSSELL

King's College, London London, WC2

29 September From Mr Mike Petty Sir: Whatever the rights and wrongs of the collapse of the Net Book Agreement, I am becoming increasingly irritated and depressed by the view that seems to be gaining currency in your pages that books are "ridicu-lously" cheap to manufacture, the implication being that publishers

are somehow profiteering. Germaine Greer is the latest

tember); Hamish McRae yesterday baldly stated ("Start writing a different chapter", 28 September) that the cost of a book was less than 10 per cent of its real price. Certainly that's true for the big bestsellers which in practice will be the nnly books to be discounted by the chains, but for the sort of first novels I tend to deal in the true cost is much more like 30 per cent.

Take away up to 50 per cent for the bookshop and 10 per cent for the author, and you don't eveo have enough for overheads. I spend much of my working

life, as do most publishers, trying to make the sums work. Today's Rushdies are only published at all because those who control the purse strings are prepared to take a reasonably long view, and because the bestsellers can, if you believe in that particular form of accountancy, subsidise them. Yours faithfully, MIKE PETTY London, WC2

29 September The writer is a publisher of fiction.

Poetry outside the arts establishment

From Mr Nicholas Albery Sir: Contrary to John Walsh's remarks (Diary, 28 September), there is nothing patronising about blowing the London Poetry Marathon's publicity budget on paying 50 people who are unemoyed £10 (not £50, as stated by ployed £10 (not xou, as some on Mr Walsh) for reciting a poem on 8 October.

Rather than enriching a newspaper magnate through a conple of column inches of paid advertisement, this money will be going to those who are outside the arts establishment. To one as fanatical about poetry as I am, this scheme, for which I accept responsibility, seems to me to be radical, subversive and to be welcomed.

Mr Walsh also failed to mention that the main aim of the event is to allow people to raise money for the charity of their choice by getting sponsored by friends and relatives to recite a poem learnt by heart. With best wishes,

NICHOLAS ALBERY Director London Poetry Marathon London, NW2

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by a period when he seemed to lose his ability in communicate a stirring message, either to the party or in the country. He became bleak. He suffered the indignity of national lampoon after using the phrase "endogenous growth theory". The mocking laughter wasn't confined in enemies; in the Labour family, too, he had come in be seen as a frozen politician, gagged by his own cantion. Finally came rumnurs that he was nn lnnger close to Tnny Blair, for whom he had sacrificed so much. As Brown relentlessly hammered nut the soundbite attacks on Tary tax rises, it seemed a harsh reward.

COL: A

A clear song from the shadow chancellor Gordon Brown's speech yesterday did much for Labour's economic credibility. Ken Clarke is doing the rest For Gordon Brown, the past 18 months have been dark and cold.

This is good material for drama, a story David Hare could use to pack the

National Theatre. But there was always a lot more to Brown than

tragic self-censorship. He was the man who knew that a single incautious

sentence from him could blow apart Labour's hard-won respectability. He

had been struggling to think his way

through the central economic dilemma of all centre-left parties in

our times, which is how to make a dif-

ference without frightening off tax-shy vnters and the socialist-shy bond

This is not easy. Plenty of clever people say it can't be dnne. Brown's

first go, emphasising training and

investment, and pointing nut that if

there was less unemployment there

a stuck record. It was true, but it skated over the huge gap of getting overshadowed by the double blow of John Smith's death and his own agofrom a failing economy to a succeednising decision not to stand as a leading nne. It seemed to rest ou the ership contender. That was followed proposition that, if he won office, he

wouldn't be starting from here.

Now the nld Gordon Brown is back. Something good has happened to this bull-like political obsessive. His speech sang. It was funny, sharp and almost completely devoid of waffle. And it contained at least some

glimpses of light.
His proposed utility windfall tax
may be unorthodox and a nne-off, but its combination of monopolist losers and unemployed gamers will prove popular and gives Treasury ministers working nn their Bndget plans a headache. It has been generally hailed in the business world as a bad idea. Well, as bad ideas go, it seems rather

a good one.

The suggested cut in VAT on fuel is shrewder still. It is politically cote because it gives Labour a credible response to the coming Tory challenge in vote for tax cuts or against them. From now on Brown can contrast unwholesome, divisive, greed-driven Tory tax cuts with virtuous, wholesome, fair-minded Labour ones. The argument between the parties is deftly switched from the hard question of being for or against tax cuts to the easier one of who should benefit.

Though the proposal depends upon the Conservatives declaring that there is room for cuts, and is relatively modest, amounting to £480m, it is serious politics because it gives clear evidence of how a future Labour government would approach the issue of would be higher tax revenues, became direct taxes as against consumer taxes.



ANDREW MARR Columnist of the Year

He was funny, sharp and almost completely devoid of waffle

It reasserts Labour's traditional belief in progressive taxation, without proposing new income-tax rates. There have always been environmental and economic arguments for VAT on fuel, but at least Labour has finally made it clear where it stands. We now know where Labour tax cuts would come, if they came.

Neither the VAT proposal nor the windfall tax, however, are answers to the wider dilemma of taxation and leftish politics with which Brown has been struggling. They are bold cavort ings on the edges of the problem. They don't obliterate it.

No, Brown's escape from his years of political bondage are likelier to depend on the British politician who is currently doing more than any other, bar Tony Blair himself, to make the first years of a future Labour administration a resounding success. I refer, of course, to the Member for Rush-

For if Labour wins the next election, it will inherit an economy which is in the short term growing stronger, not weaker. The rundown of industrial stocks, the likely downward pressure on interest rates and the impact on confidence of tax-cutting are amnng the reasons to look forward to good growth with rising but moderate inflating by 1997.

That would be a rare inheritance for Labour, placing Blair in a different position from his prime ministerial predecessors. The rule is that Labour governments are only allowed to take power when the economy is already in a bad way. It has been the party's his-toric duty in take the blame for previous splurging, while guilty men recu-perate. Saddled with an unpromising situation, Labour has then tended to fluunder about, making things worse.
Suppose, instead, a Blair govern-

ment was able to enjoy the benefits of the low-inflationary growth which had been created by the Major government? For once, Labour would get the credit for other people's hard work. This would confirm Blair as a lucky politician. And it would make Gordon Brown a Labour chancellor who might be in a position to fulfil some, at least, nf the spending commitments his party yearns for. After years as a

talker, be would become a doer. There are many assumptions built into this, the biggest of them being that Honest Ken won't succumb to political temptation and go for a Mandlingstyle loosening nf policy over the next year. To do so would be dangerous, partly because of the damage it would cause in Major's reputation for diffe, the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke. straight dealing, and because of what

it would do to interest rates. Much more likely are tax cots. But, as we have seen, Labour might well survive

It is not possible for Brown, or anyone else in the Labour leadership, to admit quite what is happening, though senior party people talk about it privately. They can barrily land a Con-servative chancellor for making things easier for them should they win in the late Nineties - any more than they can admit they agree with him about monetary union and say they admire him for standing up to the Governor of the Bank of England on interest rates. But

And so irony piles on irony. The very same Tory tax rises that Gordon Brown has so savagely attacked are partly responsible for the reconstruction of the public finances which may yet help make his reputation. You have

Even in a globalised economy ruled y free trade rules and bond markets, abour chancellors won't behave in just the same way as Tory ones. Yesterday Gordon Brown showed himself different from any Conservative minister, in his instincts, his priorities, his

But all are anti-inflationists and all are working under similar con-straints. The difference in the behaviour of one chancellor and the next may depend as much on when in the cycle they inherit the job and therefore how much room they have for manoeuvre, as nn the ideology they carry through the Treasury doors. By that test, Gordon Brown's luck is probably turning. It has been a long,

One Germany, no momentum

Five years after unification, inertia is undermining the nation's future, says Thomas Kielinger

Look up that great treasure slowly, is Germany awakening to the dangers inherent in its over the Random House Dictionary of the English Language, second edition of 1987, and what do you find under the entry "Germany"? "A former country in central Europe ..." Well, those were the days. Germany has since come back with a vengeance, from the sunken Atlantis of Continental Europe in, well, exactly what?

There lies the rub. Five years precisely into its newly acquired unity, Germany seems like a country still unable to define what is happening to it within and without. This is not really astunishing considering the traumatic event in 1989, the fall of the Berlin Wall, with its chaotic consequences.

today, Even citizensappear to be in a daze. They do all the things you would expect a country to do in order to rise to a unique chal-lenge of its history. And yet there is still this air of strangeness permeating Germany's national conduct.

The two Germanies remain wide apart, almost aloof from one another - the legacy of 40 years of division. Which makes it all the more astonishing how stoically the country has accepted the huge burden of capital resources going into reconstructing the devastated eastern part, all of one trillion

German marks to date.

Call it resigned churlishness, the gritting of one's teeth in the face of the inevitable, but not much of national enthusiasm is left after the belter-skelter of this century. The joyous excitement of the unity year 1990 was very short-lived indeed. We have arrived, as it were, at the deadpan phase of rebuilding our sense of being, a far cry from the nationalistic frenzy of pre-1945 Germany. Good riddance, I say. Give

me the sullen Germany of today any time, as against some of her previous emanations. Anyway, for the road ahead one bas to use different yardsticks. The real question about Germany lies not in her past but in her future. I sense at the heart of contemporary Germany a striking aversion to change, which has its roots perhaps in the very turbulence so characteristic of the 20th century and Gernany's role in it. The tremendous effort made to rebuild the divided oation belies a deeply

embedded historical fatigue. It would be ideal if the spirit of sacrifice so evident in the business of reconstruction now carried over into a general sense of anticipation about the future.

regulated and inflexible structures. It is a pity 1989/90 was no used more resolutely as a golder opportunity to try out new way. to turn the Germans' singula aptitude for meticulousness into a more imaginative and novel

Instead, the entire west German system of saturation-leve! state entitlements, and its builtin abhorrence towards doing anything differently, was implanted in the east, lock stock and barrel. I cannot bear to think of the colossal input n capital resources going intereconstruction and then compare this amount with the reareturn in terms of innovation and competitiveness.

What a historical momen missed! Yes, we are rebuilding the infrastructure, we are making people's pensions safe (n trying to), we are cushioning the effects of buge unemplayment by supporting generously those out of work (withou finding new jnbs for them. though), we are fast equalisin. wages (irrespective of produc

But all the king's capital and all the king's men cannot make Germany competitive again. At least not as long as some n the key players, such as the unions or the state benefit lnbby, refuse to yield even; millimetre of their established bridgebeads. This, after all, ithe country that cannot ever get itself to liberate commerce from the regime of stifling

shop-opening bours. To be sure, on the surface this still-prosperous society would hardly bear out so much scepticism. But too many Ger-man businesses are winding down parts of their operations shutting plants only to relocate them in more affordable markets and countries. A lot o. research and development ir genetics, for example, beleaguered by an over-moralising. over-weaning legislature, is seeking a more compatible environment in which to work.

away from Germany.

Unifying the country in minc and spirit will take a whole generation. But that is not our main problem now. Instead Germany must make sure the cartel of inertia and aversion to change does not become the hallmark of "Germany United" In that case, the country migh still be playing in the big league but with diminishing chances o ending among the top teams.

The writer is a senior politica analyst living in Bonn.

Are we sitting too comfortably?

A couch-potato lifestyle is breeding an obese nation. Drastic changes are needed, says Liz Hunt

It is unfortunate, but true: we But ministers rarely suffer Lare a nation of fatties, con-demned in a bleak future of electorate perceptions of their indolence and ever-warsening

A government report leaked to journalists over the weekend spells it out: the percentage of obese people in Britain has doubled since 1980, and is predicted to increase by another 50 per cent within a decade. By 2005, it says, a quarter of all British women and nearly a fifth of men will meet the clinical definition of obese. With this increase in the national girth comes the unwelcome consequences of a high-fat diet and minimal activity: even more heart disease, strokes, diabetes, cancer, and arthritis.

It is the most comprehensive analysis yet of the car-dependent, junk-food West

Health ministers, it seems, tried to protect us from the awful truth, withholding the report completed a year ago by the Nutriting and Physical Activity Task Force. Perhaps the apparent failure of their health policy so far was behind their reluctance in publish. The report says that government targets identified in its Health of the Nation White Paper -only 6 per cent of men and 8 per cent of women designated obese by 2005 - cannot possi-

bly be met Other critics have suggested that ministers are running scared of issuing prescriptive advice, of telling us what to eat and what to do for our own good. Guidelines issued last year dictating how many potatoes, slices of bread, and hars of chocolate we should cat each week, met with widespread ridicule.

pronouncements. We have heard dire warnings about the state of the nation's health before, and if nothing else they are guaranteed to generate acres of newsprint and publicity for the politician bearing the bad news. And as for prescriptive advice, well this government is big on disease prevention, and how else can that be achieved except through a list

of do's and don'ts? The most likely reason behind the suppression of this report is that it would expose the Government's failure to take nn the vested interests which have a direct impact on the nation's health: the tobacco industry, the food and drinks sector, car manufacturers and the construction labby.

Because, aside from providing the facts and figures on the British obesity epidemic, Pro-fessor Philip James, the report's principal author, and his colleagues are calling for a radical overhaul of every aspect of daily life to encourage health-ier habits. This, they argue, is the only way to reverse the epidemic of obesity and reduce its toll on health. They have issued a direct challenge both to min-isters and the lobby groups, demanding that if they really care about people's health, they

should put up or shut up.

The task force looked at schools, the workplace, home life, town planning, and the role of the health service, and have compiled what is probably the most comprehensive analysis to date of the health problems arising from the "junk-food, couch-potato, car-dependent" existence of much of the West-

That this has been recognised by the World Health Organisa-tion emphasises its significance. Alarmed by the UK findings, the WHO is now funding an international task force headed by Professor James, who is



director of the renowned Rowett Research Institute in Aberdeen, in complete a similar study on their behalf.

Professor James has declined to comment nn the Government's reaction - or lack of it to the findings and recommendations of the task force, but admits that it is "a novel report in showing that we have taken an inappropriate approach to policy in the past. In practice, we are talking about changes in

the whole of society." The report says that schools must become centres of physical activity for the community, and there should he a shift of

itive and team sports which focus nn the élite school athletes, tn encouraging every pupil in some form of activity. Doctors should be able to refer patients to a health club or gym if they feel this would be beneficial, so that exercise becomes a prescribable therany and is recognised as a treatment for some health problems. Employers should

provide changing facilities and howers for their workforce who want to walk or cycle to work, or exercise at lunch

More controversially, the

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nf car-oriented planning, which has lead to the growth of large areas of towns and cities that are inaccessible by fool. "We are becoming one hig parking Int like Los Angeles, where penple walk from their homes to their cars to the shopping mall, and that is the sum total of their activity," said ooe source involved in writing the

Professor James and his team are also calling for far tougher reductions in the proportion of energy that comes from fatty foods. The Health of the Nation target is 35 per cent of food energy from fat by the year 2005, compared to the 30 per cent called for in the new report, a figure which is backed by the WHO. Professor James proposes a "fat audit" by the food industry, and argues that its preoccupation with innovation and technology should make it easy to comply with more restrictive fat contents of foodstuffs.

Fat of the land: critics have

suggested that ministers

issuing prescriptive advice about what we should eat

are running scared of

That such changes can be achieved - and would be beneficial to the population - is not in doubt, according to Profes sor James. He cites the experitries, which have put the health of the nation first over vested interests and have had a major | But that is not so. Slowly, ever so impact ou public health.

In Norway, farmers are paid to produce leaner meat, and they are no longer paid by the fat of their livestock. The Norwegian government has invested in sporting facilities and cycle-ways and there are financial incentives to employers in provide showers and changing facilities in the workplace. Strict guidelines regu-late public catering, and free vegetables and salad are included in every restaurant meal. Over 15 years, Norway and Finland have reduced the proportinn nf food energy from fat from 42 per cent to 34 per cent. In Finland, vegetable intake has been trehled. Blood chnlesternl levels have dropped markedly in a large percentage of the population: hlood pressure has been dramatically reduced, and the stroke rate has dropped.

The health of these coun tries has been transformed," Professor James says. "This has been achieved by a coherent health strategy that has permeated every aspect of everyday life." To Stephen Dorrell, the new Secretary of State for Health, the message is clear: the patient is in a terminal conditing, and noly drastic measures will belo him

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IN BRIEF

Imro fines member £5.000

The investment managers' watchdog, Imro, has fined one of its member firms, Guildhall Investment Management, £5,000 and ordered it to pay £12,000 costs for failing to keep proper records of client information and the intended allocation of investments between customers. The offences took place between September 1993 and May last year.

Alliance & Leicester snub for Amicable

Alliance & Leicester Building Society bas chosen Marlborough Stirling, a specialist business systems provider, to provide backoffice administration for its own life company, to be launched next year. In so doing, the society has snuhbed Scottish Amicable, the Glasgow-based insurer it was formerly tied to, which was hoping to pick up the contract.

Mobile demand strong, says Vodafone

Vodafone said connection figures for the third quarter showed continued strong growth in the demand for mobile phones. Gross connections for July, August and September were over 279,000, which resulted in net connections of more than 148,000. The level of "network churn" continued to improve, down from 28.5 to 25 per cent. "This result for the traditionally slower summer quarter was significantly ahead of last year's record equivalent period and well up to our expectations," Sir Gerald Whent, chief executive, said.

Lord Young answers critics

The Cable & Wireless chairman, Lord Young, said the company had "no plans to demerge anything". He added: "I see value coming through [for shareholders] in a steady increase in earnings." His comments followed recent criticism from analysts that the company is failing to provide shareholder value and should be broken up or demerged. Lord Young also said the company was looking to build on its US interests but declined to give details.

London Clubs buys casino for £16m

London Clubs International (LCI) acquired the two companies that together own the lease and business of the London Park Tower Casino. The acquisition will be for a cash consideration of £16m. subject to certain adjustments, with a further deferred payment of up to £6m depending on profits over the next three years.

TT in £16.8m acquisition

TT Group bas acquired Linton & Hirst Group from Schroder Ventures, North of England Ventures and the management, for £16.8m. Linton & Hirst, a laminations manufacturer, supplies the electronics industry worldwide and was the subject of a management buy-in in 1992. The company said £15.1m was paid in cash on completion. Deferred consideration of £1.7m is also payable in cash, conditional on Linton & Hirst's pre-tax profits for the year to December being not less than £2.5m.

ShareLink offers placing service

ShareLink launched its new issues placing service, aimed at making it easier for private investors to participate in new issues coming to the market through a placing. From next year the Stock Exchange initial public offering rules will be changed so that companies will no longer have to reserve a proportion of big offers for the small investor.

Labour says it will refer bids for utilities to MMC

Industrial Correspondent

Takeover bids among electricity and water companies will be retrospectively referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to protect consumers, the Labour Party said. The warning came as National Power, the nation's largest genera-tor, announced an agreed. £2.8bn merger with Southern Electric and speculation mounted London Electricity would be next to fall.

Jack Cunningham, shadow trade and industry secretary. said: "We reject the growing accumulation of unaccountable private monopoly power. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission must be used to safeguard the national and consumer interest. If not, a Labour Government will make a retrospective reference."

Pressure for an MMC reference further intensified with renewed calls for an investigation from the National Consumer Council, A spokeswoman for the MCC said: "The case for each electricity bid to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission becomes ever more pressing as takeover frenzy gathers momentum." She added: "If this takeover goes ahead it will be a form of vertical integration in the industry and consumers will want to know how it will affect them."

The bid for Southern, one of the two largest regional supply and distribution companies, is the seventh in the industry so far. It comes two days before Offer, the industry regulator, is due to submit to the Office of Fair Trading its report on the proposed takeover of Midlands Electricity by PowerGen.

City analysts said National Power's move would increase the likelihood of an MMC reference. But there is also a view that Ian Lang, president of the Board of Trade, would prefer to clear all attempts to acquire regional electricity firms. Shares in Southern Electric surged by 69p to 966p while National Power fell by 12.5p to 503.5p. John Baker, chairman of Na-

tional Power, said the merger is "wholly logical" in the light of developments in the sector. He that National Power was not seeking to buy a regional comclearing a hostile takeover bid by Scottish Power for Manweb. Mr Baker said: "What has changed in not our view but the

way in which the market is evolving and the fact that the Department of Trade and Industry appear to be saying they do not rule out vertical integration in the industry."

He added: "We simply have to join in the process of ratio-nalisation in the industry rather than stand on the sidelines." Mr Baker said the merger would transform National Power into a broadly based energy company able to compete more ef-fectively in the national electricity supply market when it is opened up fully in 1998.

Brade, southern region representative for Unison, said: We would give it two cheers out of three. Three cheers would have been Southern Electric remaining independent or taking over somebody else." National Power refused to be drawn on possible redundancies

Unions warned that there

could be further job cuts. Mick

or on whether Southern's beadquarters in Maidenhead would remain intact. The generator has 5,000 employees and expects to cut 500 jobs over the next year or two. Southern's core workforce of

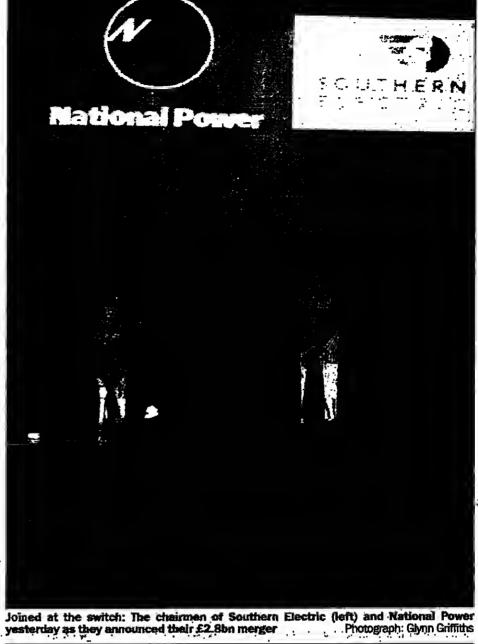
3.650 is already projected to fall to about 3,000 by the end of the decade. The £2.8bn offer represents

£10.10 per share, split between £8.25 in cash and a special dividend of £1.85. The dividend will carry a tax credit for some shareholders, taking the value of the offer to £10.56. National Power said that in

the event of the sale of the National Grid Company before the completion of the merger, up to £1.75 of the special dividend would be clawed back and Southern's shareholders would receive grid shares. If the NGC sale is after the merger, National Power would sell any grid shares inherited through the takeover.

The takeover is expected to take National Power's gearing to more than 100 per cent initially, falling back after the NGC sale and the planned disposal of three power plants. It is expected to significantly enhance National Power's earnings but, combined with the plant sales, the effect on earnings will be neutral.

Separately, Norweb said it fer from North West Water unless a rival US bidder. Texas pany, saying the Government Energy, increases its terms. had changed the situation by Texas is expected to raise its of-Texas is expected to raise its offer but there was also speculation it could switch its attentions to London Electricity.



Status of b	ids in the electricit	
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Southern Electric	National Power	Agreed*
Midlands Electricity	PowerGen	Agreed
Eastern Electricity	Hanson	Unconditional
SWEB	Southern Co. (US)	Unconditional
Manweb Northern Electric	Scottish Power Trafalgar House	Contested Abandoned
Norweb	North West Water	Rival bid by Texas
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Hanson making power

of the United Kingdom's largest electricity generators if it succeeds in its bid to buy three power plants from National Power,

writes Mary Fagan.
The group, which is entering the electricity supply and distribution market through the acquisition of Eastern Electricity, has already agreed to pay £400m to lease two generating stations from PowerGen.

Industry analysts estimate that Hanson could have 12 per cent of the market in England and Wales within a few years, compared with a projected 16 per cent or 17 per cent for Pow-

erGen. National Power's share is expected to drop to about 23 per cent or less, from 34 per cent last

The nuclear power industry, part of which is soon to be privatised as British Energy, could take the lead with about 25 per

National Power said yesterday that Eastern, along with Enron and Applied Energy Services of the United States, are being invited to submit final bids for the £1bn sale of the plants at West Burton in Notinghamshire, Ironbridge in Sbropshire and Rugeley in Staffordshire.

The company said that it is willing to sell these plants singly, but that all the contenders bave shown interest in acquiring all

The power stations have a combined capacity of 4,000 megawatts - about 20 per cent of National Power's total capacity. But they make un more than one-quarter of the company's output as they run for 60 per cent to 70 per cent of the time, while some power stations nm only when needed to meet peak demand.

Both National Power and PowerGen have been under pressure from the electricity industry's regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild, to dispose (; of plant in order to increase competition in the generating market

Professor Littlechild had given both companies until the end of this year to help them to meet his concerns, or risk being referred to the Monopolies and

National Power said that most of the payment of £1bn or more would be split between a large initial consideration with more later related to sales of electricity from the plants. The disposal is expected to be agreed by the end of December.

Societies cast gloom on prices

Britain's top two building societies, Halifax and Nationwide, warned yesterday against hopes of a rapid recovery in the housing market, despite recording the largest bouse price rise in more than six months.

Both societies said prices were still lower than a year ago, while sales were still at a low ebb. Their figures came on the first day of new government restrictions on state benefits for bomeowners who lose their

Halifax said bouse prices rose by 0.3 per cent in September, but are down 2 per cent on a year ago. Nationwide's index showed a 0.6 per cent monthly rise but a 1.3 per cent

The only time Nationwide has recorded an increase greater than last month was in March, when its figures showed a oneoff 1.2 per cent rise. In Halifax's case, its Sep-

divisional director at Nationwide, pointed out that recent figures from the Inland Rev- provement," he said. enue showed that transactions were at their lowest level since early 1993.
"Confidence remains poor af-

be a potential restraint on [any] recovery," be said. His views were backed by the

Council of Mortgage Lenders, the industry's trade body. "It is too early to say whether this is the first sign of a revival. One would have to look at many more months' house prices before making a firm judgement," the council said.

"Higher transactions would be a sign of greater confidence by homeowners and new bor-rowers. That is dependent on what initiatives are taken by the

Despite his caution, Mr Williamson said be was still

tember rise is the highest since hopeful of a modest house last year. Philip Williamson, divisional director at Nationare grounds for believing the market will show some im-Weak growth in personal in-

comes, a significant drag on the market in 1995, could be alleviated by tax cuts in November's ter the experience of recent Budget. The recent improveyears and this could continue to ment in the outlook for interest rates is also an important positive factor." Mr Williamson also argued

that a turnaround in bouse prices would depend on government measures to stimnlate activity. "Next month's Budget offers

an opportunity [for it] to pro-vide specific beip for the homehuyer, thus reaffirming its support for owner-occupation."

Over the past six months, lenders bave waged a bitter campaign against government cuts to mortgage interest payments made when many borrowers become unemployed.

place today, mean that new borrowers will not bave the interest paid on their mortgages for the first six months. Existing borrowers will be denied payments for two months, switching to half the interest for

another four months. Some lenders argued the cuts would depress house prices further and push up repossession



Clampdown on Daiwa reflects anger in US

Financial Editor

The US anthorities yesterday ordered the Daiwa Bank of Japan to reduce to a minimum its New York branch activities. following alleged violation of hanking regulations.

The enforcement order issued by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and the New York State Banking Department reflected anger that Japan's 10th higgest bank had deliberately ignored US regulations by delaying reporting the circumstances surrounding the \$1.1bn losses run up by Toshi-hide Iguchi in unauthorised bond trading.
Daiwa headquarters in Osa-

ka were alerted in July by Mr Iguchi in a confession about the massive unanthorised trading. apparently conducted over an 11-year period. The bank then moved discreetly to conduct its own internal investigation and apparently sell off assets to cover the loss. The regulatory authorities in New York were only informed in mid-September of what, if proven, will amount to the biggest financial scandal on American soil.

In addition to the failure to inform the authorities of a severe breakdown in controls and supervision, Daiwa Bank "may have knowingly submitted a misleading and incorrect report of the branch's condition" as of 30 June, the New York authorities declared. Daiwa Bank was ordered to conduct a "detailed. foreusic review" of the transactions that led to the \$1.1bn of bond trading losses, and to provide an in-depth internal review of its actions from the time it learned of the loss in July until it notified the banking authorities last month.

Daiwa must also submit. within five days, an acceptable written plan to reduce all of its New York trading activities "to the minimum levels necessary to service customers, conduct asset-liability management and manage the risk in the existing trading position of the New York branch", the regulators announced yesterday.
The US authorities were

scathing about the unsound practices that allowed Mr Iguchi to deceive his superiors for such a long time in trading very ordinary financial instruments. The regulators said "prompt interim action" was needed to control Daiwa's local activities. and permanent enforcement action may be necessary. This will be decided at a hearing on 27 December.

The Fed said that in November 1992 and November 1993 regulators criticized controls at the New York branch. Regulators said they were led to helieve by Daiwa officials that lines of authority were changed in November 1993 so that Mr. Iguchi was no longer responsible for the branch's trading and custodial operations. The Fed now believes reporting lines were not changed.

In his written confession to Daiwa Mr Iguchi said that be cause he was responsible for the branch's custodial department, he was able to sell securities from Daiwa's own accounts, as well as securities of customers to cover his trading losses. He was also in a position to falsify accounting and other branch recordsto hide the losses

Lucas chief executive, said the financial impact of the US troubles was "out of all proportion ing falsified in spection further provisions of £40m will be made to cover the costs of the costs of falsified in spection restructuring its Lucas Western.

ucas pays \$88m to end claims

Aerospace: Final settlement ends two-year Pentagon investigation

RUSSELL HOTTEN

Lucas Industries has agreed to pay another \$88m (£58m) to settle claims that it supplied substandard parts to the US Navy after a two-year Pentagon in-

The company will make fur-ther provisions of £95m when it announces its profits on Monday, and has also announced that the division which caused

the trouble is to be sold. Lucas has already paid a £12m fine to settle criminal pro-

ceedings and last year said pro-

visions of £200m included an

undisclosed amount to cover the

US action. George Simpson,

hles was "out of all proportion to the issues involved, but we believe this was the best settlement available."

The settlement avoids years of costly and complex bigation and the possibility that Lucas would struggle to win new US defence contracts until the problems had been settled. The \$88m agreement is be-

lieved to be the largest ever paid by a company facing such charges from the US military, which is cracking down on breaches of its quality control regulations.
The US authorities filed a civ-

restructuring its Lucas Western, which will be sold. Mr Simpson documents relating to the gearsaid: "Lucas will be seeking a boxes for F/A-18 fighter planes. Lucas said that when the strong joint venture partner to whom the business could even-

products were delivered, they more than met the performance criteria laid down in the contracts, and that the problem related only to irregularities in testing and procedures. On Monday the company

ipated scenarios". The company said that apart from the provisions, Monday's will set aside additional provisions of £55m for the year to last results would be in line with market forecasts. Analysts are July, which will also cover costs expecting profits of around of settling a conflict between the US Government and another subsidiary, Lucas Aul, which was tained at 7p. sold earlier this year. Lucas said

£140m, with the dividend main-

tually be sold." He said the

£40m provisions "will cap the

group's future financial expo-

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"If it makes sense for generators to merge with distributors and

suppliers, the bids can be used as a way of forcing a much more

radical break-up of generating capacity

than presently envisaged"

Britain's electricity industry in any way it pleases. Clearly the National Power bid marks, if not a turning point in the game, at least a substantial acceleration of the action. Even after selling off a fifth of its generating capacity, National Power will remain, with 23 per cent of the market, the domi-

Paving effectively ruled himself out of the great regional electricity company paper chase a couple of months back, John Bak-

er, chief executive of National Power, had

apparent change of heart was that Nation-

By this he meant that the regulatory envi-

ronment has changed. Something he thought

would certainly not be allowed a couple of

munths back now seems to be perfectly OK

as far as ministers, the Office of Fair Trad-

ing and the etectricity regulator are con-cerned – the vertical integration of compa-

nies in electricity generation, distribution

and supply. There seems to be no answer,

other than the obvious, as to why National

Power, the largest in the industry, left it to

Scottish Power and PowerGen to blaze the trail of vertical integration. Certainly there is a "Johnnie come lately" feel about this bid. However, National Power's slowness off

the mark is perhaps an irrelevance set against the main issue of whether it is right

to allow the market to continue reshaping

al Power was merely "adjusting to changed

circumstances".

far and away the most powerful player in the reshaped electricity industry. Should this he quite a somersault to perform yesterday as he unveiled details of a £2.80n takeover bid for Southern Electric. His explanation for the allowed? The case in favour goes along these Consolidation of the industry is both an

tricity companies, and it becomes overnight

inevitable and a beneficial thing. Electricity "disaggregation", to use Mr Baker's word, ahead of privatisation, may have suited the Government's purpose at the time but things move on and an industry divided into 18 moving parts is plainly not the optimum in terms of efficiency. Nor is it necessarily a structure most capable of delivering to the consumer the benefits of free competition in supply, set to begin post 1998. To enter this market properly, the generators need the infrastructure investment in billing systems already made by the regional electric ity companies. For a generator to invest on that scale without an existing customer base would not make any kind of commercial

Furthermore, the argument gnes, if National Power and PowerGen are referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission there is a strong possibility that the Americans will nip in and steal the bid prizes.

When PowerGen put these arguments to ministers it got a sympathetic hearing. Nothing however, is ever as simple as prenant producer links with a monopoly supplier, the effect is nearly always harmful regardless of regulatory safeguards. The pool" provides no kind of protection. Nor, as we already know, does Professor Stephen Littlechild. Competition might eventually, hut it will take time.

There is, however, an opportunity for min-isters in the generating bids. If it makes sense for generators to merge with distributors and suppliers, the bids can be used as a way of forcing a much more radical break-up of generating capacity than presently envis-aged. As a condition of the hid, for instance, National Power could be made to divest not just a fifth of capacity, but two fifths, or even three. If other RECs were given a fighting chance in generation, then the fully competitive market that ministers dream of becomes a real possibility. In bidding for Southern, National Power might have opened a Pandora's box.

GEC heavyweight should make way for flyweight

ike heavyweight boxers, corporate pugilists rarely know when to quit Lord Weinstock should have retired long ago hut seems intent on banging on to the bitter end. sented. While it is true that vertical integration works perfectly well in many senior GEC executive has been whispering

vestors reveals an overwhelming call for Lord Weinstock's retirement. If that was not enough, look at the financial figures. GEC's plodding performance has disappointed the

Through it all, Lord Weinstock has maintained a lofty silence. The issue of the sucession has now gained some urgency. Lord Weinstock himself imposed a deadline of next summer to resolve the matter. Last year he extended his contract until 1996, when he will be 72. The institutions did not particularly like it but voted it through on the understanding that the GEC nominations committee would arrange a smooth transition. But so far, nothing. If the strategy is simply to hold on long enough to ensure that his son Simon gets the joh, then it is doomed to failure. The institutions will have none of

Lord Weinstock's hrilliance as a manager and one time visionary is undeniable, but the company today seems structurally incapable of achieving rapid growth. His "scientific management, rigid cost control, and evolutionary rather than revolutionary ehange has given GEC a tendency towards inertia. GEC urgently needs new blood. It has able insiders, like Peter Gershon at Marconi, or finance director David Newlands. But what is needed ideally is an outsider, someone capable of riding rough shod over the old guard. GEC has a strong order book,

National Power may have opened Pandora's box nant producer. Combine that with the acqui- industries without damage to competition, sition of one of the two largest regional electric it is probably fair to say that wheo a domi- management blood. A poll of GEC's key in- growth. To achieve the later, a fundamental management blood of the two largest regional electric industries without damage to competition, it is probably fair to say that wheo a domital shake-up at the divisional level is perhaps required. Do not count on this happening. however. GEC is far from the parlous financial condition that allows institutions to insist on a new broom. But would it not be something if Lord Weinstock displayed some uf his old visionary flair by ensuring that a very different kind of man succeeds him.

Open secrets behind closed doors

The accountancy firm KPMG today finds itself in the unaccustomed position of hogging the limelight normally reserved for its clients. Such is the interest that has been generated by its plan to incorporate its audit arm that Britain's second higgest accountancy firm has taken over part of London's Savoy Hotel to announce the out-

One way in which the change is being sold to elients is that it will result in greater financial disclosure, enabling them to obtain the same sort of information about the financial health of their auditors as they can about most of their other suppliers and cusomers. Unfortunately for the clients, they will only learn details of the new incorporated structure after it has become a fait accompli. Let's hope the information is

Barings bondholders target SFO

DAVID HELLIER

The action group trying to bring a private prosecution against Nick Leeson, the former Barings futures trader, said last night it would fight the Serious Fraud Office "all the way" if it tried to shut the case down.

Yesterday, Michael Hill OC. acting for the Barings bondholders, met George Staple, the SFO director, after the SFO case controller, James Kellock, surprised bondholders on Friday by asking them to send the The office had to show it was SFO their papers. His first let-ter was followed by a second demand within 30 minutes. By vesterday the papers had been

handed over to the SFO. Although the bondholders are taking a private prosecution against Mr Leeson, the SFO is arguing that it has powers under the 1987 Criminal Justice Act to take over such a prosecution if it falls within the remit of serious commercial fraud.

does not have a leg to stand on".

Mr Stone laid eight summonses against Mr I cook last and the people who lost one that ing the bondholders' action es against Mr Leeson last week in the City of London magistrates' court. He said the court was "absolutely clear that we had jurisdiction over these offences. The court had no cause for concern. It is absolutely inappropriate for the SFO to step in now". Mr Stone added:

We will fight them all the way. . The SFO has quite a reputation for tripping up."

The SFO said Mr Kellock had asked the bondholders' solicitor on Friday for their papers on the case and had now received them, "The director has the power to take over a private prosecution in certain cases and he is now considering wbether he can do it on this particular occasion," a spokeswoman said.

Sources at the SFO said the office believed the most appropriate place for a trial on the Barings affair was Singapore. prepared to work closely with other prosecuting authorities in tackling overseas fraud. "If we want better co-operation in the future we have to show that we are prepared to do the same ourselves. And we feel that all the witnesses are in Singapore. and the evidence and we do not wish to be shy in saying that."

The SFO view contrasts strongly with that of the UK bondholders and of Mr Leecollapse of Barings are pre-dominantly based in the UK and that more of the background to the case will emerge if the trial takes place here.

The German anthorities expect to make a decision on whether to accept the Singaporean extradition application later this week. If they accept the request, Mr Leeson's lawyer has said it will be resisted.



Bondholders want to derail SFO chief George Staple

Photograph: Edward Wehh | acquisition of a car parts oper- aging for food service, super-

Ailing First Choice gives profits warning

CLIFFORD GERMAN

Francis Baron, the chief executive brought into the ailing tour operator First Choice, then called Owners Abroad, two years ago, admits he does not expect much of a bonus for the year that ends this month, after warning that profits will drop back from £16m to a bare £1m.

Rival operators Airtours and Thomson Holidays revealed six weeks ago just how badly a year that began with such high hopes has ended.

First Choice had to contend with extra costs of restructuring, rebranding and remarketing its tours as well as the decline in consumer confidence and the impact of a hot summer at home.

But analysts who talked then to First Choice still had forecasts of £17m-20m on their books yesterday morning.

The warning sent shock waves through the market, coupled as it was with a deeply discounted rights issue of two new shares for every five at 60p, raising £44.1m net to fund three acisitions and ensure the group could meet the operating margins needed to maintain market share in 1996-97.

The final dividend of 2.45p is maintained on new and existing shares, but the shares fell a further 18p to 70p.

Thomas Cook, which took a 21 per cent stake to help fight off a bid from Airtours in carly 1993, will not take up its rights, which suggests an early parting of the ways. But it will not sell its shares in the market for at least six months.

Its eotitlement has been placed in the market and the balance of the rights issue is fully underwritten The issue will finance the acing operator in the UK schools and group skiing market, for an estimated £23m in cash, of which £9.2m is payable on completion, the balance in 1996. Skibound made £4m before tax on a turnover of under

£40m in the year to 30 April. The acquisition will help reduce reliance on summer profits and make better use of

aircraft capacity
First Choice is also huying JWI, the third largest tour op-erator in Ireland, for £5.4m, and the balance of the Vancouverhased Fiesta West for an estimated £8.7m.

But the future depends heavily on the 1996 summer season, which yet again has started well. Baron expects the market to be static but relies on industry-wide capacity cuts of 8-10 per cent to reduce discounting and restore margins.

Tenneco pays £850m for Mobil arm

RUSSELL HOTTEN

Tenneco surprised the markets yesterday with a \$1.25bn (£850m) purchase of Mohil's plastics division, one of the largest makers of packaging and consumer products in North America.

The giant industrial group also said it was working on a big

ation, and hoped to announce market and industrial applicaa deal by the end of the year. "Tenneco is still a company in transition," Dana Mead, chief executive, said. "Tenneco remains a work in progress stay tuned."

Mohil plastics' products include Hefty brand waste bags, tahleware and food storage hags as well as speciality packtions. The company, in New York state, has about 4,100 employees and had revenues of more than \$1hn in 1994.

Mobil said the sale was part of its strategy to focus on core husinesses of oil, gas and petrochemicals. The cash would be used to fund growth in these areas, including potential acqui-

Franco-German telecom venture expects approval

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France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom were last night confident their controversial joint venture would win European Commission approval and vowed to meet competitors head on in the European tele-

ence since becoming the third

as many weeks, Michel Bon said the joint venture, dubbed Atlas, "was still under negotiation, hut we have every hope of reaching an agreement".

Ron Sommer, the Deutsche Telekom chief executive, earlier said progress was being made in the company's negotiations with Brussels and that he was In his first big press confer- optimistic the joint venture would be approved. Their com-

telecommunication industry's four-yearly extravaganza in Geneva.

The two men, along with senior government officials from France and Germany, met on officials late last week in an effort to forge a breakthrough. A second meeting is set for mid-October.
The Commission has held up

ments came at the end of the first day of Telecom '95, the pressure the two companies and their respective governments into liberalising their telecoms markets in advance of a 1 January 1998 deadline.

Specifically, Brussels wants assurances that competitors will he able to offer services to husinesses, and that the two Telecom companies will not use their dominant positions to

France has already agreed to licence cumpetitors such as utilities and the national railroad company, SNCF, which have alternative cable networks along established rights of way.

Germany, however, has been slower to move, as the government fears any threats to Deutsche Telekom could torpedo its plans for a multi-stage privatisation to be taunched

Growth in manufacturing output slows but sterling clocks up gains

Rates pressure fuelled Dollar bounces back by industry slowdown

DIANE COYLE **Economics Correspondent**

Industry is expanding at the slowest rate for three years and rises in the price of materials are the lowest since April 1994, according to the latest purchasing managers' survey.

The slowdown in manufacturing will add to the calls for a fall in base rates, especially if official output figures for August, published on Friday, confirm the weaker survey results. Base rate hopes were also

raised by separate Bank of England figures showing growth of the narrow money supply measure, M0, slowed last month. However, it remained well above the 0-4 per cent monitoring range. In the latest monetary minutes, Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, drew at-Ention to the dangers of a rapid increase in money supply. City economists said a reduction in base rates was unlikely while monetary growth stayed uncomfortably high. The Budget is likely to be even

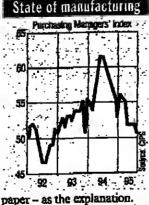
for interest-rate cuts," said Simon Briscoe, UK economist at Nikko Securities. The purchasing managers' index dipped to 50.5 last month,

from 52.1 in August, indicating barely any expansion in manu-facturing. Peter Thomson, director-general of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS), said: "This is clear evidence that manufacturing activity continues to slow." The main reason for the fall was a drop in new orders, due partly to weak home demand and lower export orders

than earlier in the year. The output index, a separate component of the overall purchasing managers' index, rose slightly. Stocks of finished goods fell. The CIPS said many companies were meeting demand by running down stocks rather than increasing production. The prices firms paid for materials rose last month, but

18 months. The prices index fell from 62.9 to 57.6. Purchasing managers cited sterling a recent stability and the easing of shortages of some mamore important." If there is no terials - especially plastics and tax give away in the Budget

the increase was the smallest for



MO rose 0.5 per cent last month, taking its year-on-year rate of growth down from 6.1 to 5.4 per cent. Growth in cash in circulation, the biggest compo-nent of M0, slowed to 5.7 per

On the other hand, the annual growth rate in M0 during the past three months, taken as the best indicator of short-term trends, has accelerated to 7.5 per cent. "The authorities are unlikely to cut interest rates against a monetary background that suggests the economy is hubbling under," said Kevin Darlington, UK economist at the broker Hoare Govett.

through 100 yen level

PAUL WALLACE

G7 meeting of finance ministers in Washington this weekend, the dollar broke back through the 100 yen threshold to close in London at 100.60. The pound also had a good day, ending 0.5 up nn its trade-weighted index at 85.2, clocking up gains of a pfennig against the mark and almost a cent against the dollar, compared with Friday's London close. Morning gains by the dol-lar were helped by a report in the Japanese Mainichi newspaper that finance ministers would agree to let the US dollar rise to 110 yen.

Early dollar firmness against the mark petered out as the market absorbed the outcome of the Valencia summit and the eported remarks of Helmut Kohl about a possible delay to monetary union.

A further stiffening in the German conditions for EMU was made in a speech by Ofmar Issing, the Bundesbank's chief economist, in which he called for a new treaty to enforce sanctions against fiscal delmquency on the part of particunion. Describing the sanctions dex was in inventories.

set out in the Maastricht treaty as "anything but compulsory", Bolstered by the prospect of the Mr Issing said what was at stake was "nothing less than the future stability of the common

"Sterling has perversely been deriving some benefit from the EMU problems," said Neil MacKinnon, currency strate gist at Citibank, referring to the market's perception that sterling will not participate in a first step ridge of NatWest Markets thought that sterling's strength against the dollar would be short-lived.

The perception that the US National Association of Purchasing Managers' index was weaker than expected had little effect on the foreign ex-changes but helped the US bond market, with the 30-year bond rising by over half a point. The market had been ex-

pecting the NAPM index, which gauges the state of US manufacturing, to rebound to above 50 from 46.9 in August. Instead it rose in September to only 48.3, the fourth month running that it has shown softness in manufacturing. The sharpest spating nations after a monetary fall in the components of the in-

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Capitalism blooms in Russia's chaos

t is deeply unfashionable to be optimistic about Russia. Yet it is a sign of our times that the OECD, the rich countries' "club", should now be producing its first economic survey of the country.

True, Russia is not yet a member nf the OECD, and true, it would not qualify for membership. But it is already possible to see a world where Russia has become a "nnrmal" market economy and, for the truly optimistic, a full-status developed one. It is natural that the OECD should seek to chart the progress of what will in time become nne of its most important members.

Because that day is some way in the future, this report has a rather different feel to it from most OECD studies. It has, for a start, rather fewer graphs and statistics than usual. The graphs it does have seem usually to head downwards instead of upwards and the authors acknowledge that the statistics, like the graphs, may well be misleading. There is also a slightly pained tone to the text absent from other reports. It noted, for example, that Russians were suffering from reform fatigue and added "it seems that many ministries and institutions are suffering from foreign adviser fatigue". This made the gathering of information "significantly more difficult".

The result is a touch-and-feel analysis rather than a numbercrunching one. In a way this is refreshing, because the story has to be told in words rather than in figures. Not only did the figures of the pre-reform Soviet Union grossly inflate the real output of the government-controlled sector; they also excluded the large informal ecooomy, much of which operated outside the law. Since the formal economy was over-stated and between 20 and 35 per cept of the GDP was military spending, the official figures have plunged. But though the old informal, extra-legal economy has seeo rapid growth, since some of this remains outside the law, it is hard to estimate how much growth there has really beeo.

Still a big picture emerges and it runs like this. Take 1991 as a base. Official figures say GDP has halved. Production figures



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nf specific items, including consumer goods, would tend to conthis. Thus hread production has fallen by 32 per cent. If, however, you look at consumption, things are different. Bread consumption, far from going down, has risen by 12 per cent. Practical things that you can measure reasonably accurately, like electricity consumption, are now about 80 per cent of the level at the begin-ning of 1991. The service sector, hard enough to measure in an economy like ours, let alone

in Russia, has undoubtedly grown fast, but almost certainly not fast enough to offset the cline in industry. And real living standards? They have fallen. Even allowing for things that are difficult to measure, like the time once spent queuing, people on average are worse off. But they are perhaps 15 per cent worse off, not 50 per cent worse off. Differentials have widened, but not by as much as the figures sug-gest, for much of the official class's income before 1990 came

in perks rather than pay. Finally.

though personal incomes cer-tainly fell fast during the early

stages of reform, it seems they have stopped falling and may be

Looking ahead, the OECD is tentatively bullish. The economy is growing at the moment. Exports rose 17 per cent in dollar terms in the first five months of this year compared with the same period of 1994. Imports rose by 13 per cent on the same basis. The OECD thinks that with the right policies, growth could speed up to 10 per cent oext year. If that were to happen Russia would be the fastest-growing large economy in the world. With the wrong policies, however, the upturn

It oeeds little imagination to work out what the OECD thinks the right policies are: cut the hudget deficit, keep interest rates up, cut back inflation, build business confidence, encourage repatriation of flight

tion and crime, and so on. If it does, the future is bright. It is

still all to play for. This is surely right. The trans-formation of what was essentially a war economy onto a peace-time basis was always going to be difficult. The worst fear, that 70 years of a command economy had so eroded the entreprenurial spirit that establishing a market economy would be virtually impossible, has proved unfounded. There is plenty of get-up-and-go. The main trouble is that this spirit is most evident in the extra-legal economy: hringing that inside the law, setting reasonable rules of behaviour, takes time.

But it is happening. In the financial services sector, the reputable share dealers have established settlement procedures amongst themselves. They know which registrars are reliable and trade in shares where the register is properly administered and the title to shares can be properly estab-lished. Commercial self-interest is producing a legally effective framework for share trading. And it is getting better. While the settlements system is expensive by Western standards, it is much more secure than it as, say, two years ago.

If you step outside the chaos, you see a large country with eoormous human skills and great natural resources. It has trade surplus. It has relatively low foreign borrowings. Its citizens hold large external funds. Tax and other reforms are taking place gradually, which will correct some of the present internal imbalances in the economy. Giveo where Russia started five years ago, and given that there was no adequate road-map of how it should travel, surely the achievements so far are oot too bad.

What Russia needs is a perception of success. It is perfectly possible that just such success will come in the oext year. And once the pendulum swings, suddenly it will become fashionable to welcome Russia to the cap-

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US legal cloud over Lucas lifts

The headline oumber may have been a lot bigger than the market had hoped but what really matters about the conclusion of Lucas's row with the US government yes-terday is that u is finally over. A total hit of £95m will take the shine off full-year figures next Monday, but the cars and aircraft engineering group's new chief exec-utive, George Simpson, will at last be able to stand up and talk about the future.

Since the beginning of 1994 Lucas has lagged behind its engineering peers, part-ly because of the cloud of litigation, part-ly because the market was holding fire to see just how quickly Mr Simpson could get to grips with his new charge. Over the past 18 months Lucas's shares have trodden water, marginally under-performing the market as a whole. Over the same period BBA has beaten the All-Share index by 43 per cent and GKN by an impressive 5 per cent.

The markets Lucas serves are undeniably still tough, but not worryingly so. Aerospace is picking itself off the bottom and arguably could be peaking in two or three years' time just as the automotive markets falter. Double-digit margins on sales of around £500m should make most analysts' forecasts look conservative.

In motors, Lucas is heavily biased towards the UK and Europe, which is good news in the face of an expected downturn in the American car market. Relatively flat markets in Europe shouldn't be a concern, with Lucas holding strong positions in fast-growing areas such as diesel technology, intelligent braking and other electronics.

Before the exceptional charge, pre-tax profits next week should top £140m, from sales of £2.95bn, a great deal better than the performance of the last few years but still hardly a stirring return on sales of less than 5 per cent. By the time tax has wiped out the post-exceptional profit, earnings will just about break even, so reserves will have to be raided once more for a maintained full-year dividend of 7p.

The flip side of still-poor margins, of course, is the high degree of operational gearing still in Lucas's oow-clean businesses. By oext July profits should have reached £215m, covering the payout twice.
The cover could have reached three times by the following year. That puts the shares on a prospective

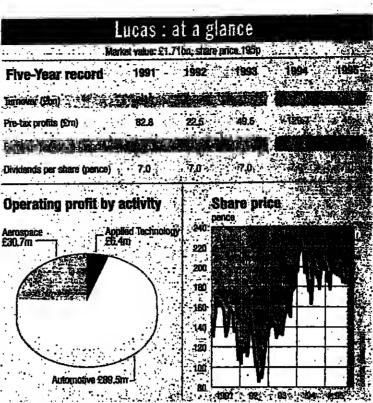
price/earnings ratio of 13, with a yield of 1.5 per cent. Given the recovery prospects, that is pretty good value.

Uncertainty over First Choice rights Feast and famine follow each other with

alarming speed in the holiday business. The

last time First Choice issued a profits warn-

ing was just over two years ago, when it was



known as Owners Abroad. It came just four months after the group had fought off a bid from its rival. Airtours. and with a Takeover Panel investigation looming most of the directors

Not to be outdone, the new management issued its own warning yesterday but there the similarity ends this time it has no intention of rolling over. The warning coincided with a rights issue which will fund three strengthen the balance sheet and ensure the group meets the Civil Aviation Authority's margin requirements.

It is not surprising that Thomas Cook is not taking up its rights on its ·21 per cent stake, even if it gives other investors pause for thought. The stake it took in 1993 served its purpose in blocking the Airtours hid but the hoped for commercial benefits failed to materialise. It is disappointing, however, that the shareholders of one of the acquired companies have all opted for cash rather than shares, even though they will stay with the busiacquisitions and raise up to £10m to oess. They could have registered greater confidence in the deal by ac-

ning a mixture. It is anybody's guess whether the

	COMPA	NY RESULTS		
	Tornovar £	Pre-tax €	EPS	Dividend
th & Lacy (I)	34.5m (30.6m)	2.97m (2.02m)	7.84p (5.2p)	2.6p (2.5p)
itish Dredging (I)	19m (18.7m)	0.69m (0.86m)	. 2.62p (3.28p) ·	2.6p (2.6p)
iroscience (I)	2.11m (0.76m)	-5.5m (-3.75m)	-8.1p (-5.5p)	nii (nii) .
tope Chez Gerard (F)	13.1m (10.2m)	2.33m (1,67m)	8.41p (7.28p)	2.4p (nil)
elrosa Energy (F)	6.65m (1.71m)	5,65m (1.21m)	4.57p (1.62p)	0.48p (0.2p)
ess Bros (1)	36.1m (30.1m)	3.2m (1.9m)	12.63p (7.6p)	5p (3p)
nsis (1)	-24.6m (19.5m)	2.61m (3,72m)	· 4.86p (4.64p)	uli (uli)
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de Group (I)	77.9m (63.3m)	0.56m (0.5m)	1.86p(1.58p)	nii (nii),
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tour market will recover in the coming year. First Choice is forecasting roughly similar numbers for summer 1996, and relying on the reductions in capacity already announced by the three market leaders to raise the return on sales sharply. But the rights issue virtually guarantees all three companies will continue competing strongly for 1996. This is also an industry where capacity can be added back as quickly as it is cut.

Are the shares oow cheap? The rights issue is priced 30 per cent below the price in the market last week, which was already close to the bottom end of the trading range over the past year.

There is a danger that some other holders will not take up their rights, however, and the suggestion that Thomas Cook will sell out in six months creates a nasty overhang.

Moss Bros still looking good

Figures from Moss Bros looked as sharp yesterday as the company's best morning dress. The remarkable recovery story over the past three years contimued in the first half of the year to July, with profits up two-thirds and earnings and the dividend keeping pace.

The performance of the share price has not quite been in the same league as at Next, but having risen from just over. 100p at the beginning of 1993, yesterday's 7p rise to 570p topped off a sparkling

Pre-tax profits of £3.21m compared with last year's first-half £1.92m, struck from a 20 per cent increase in sales from £30.1m to £36.1m. Bocouragingly, likefor-like sales, before taking account of the seven shops opened in the period, rose 10 per ceot as the company continued to take market share off its

Moss Bros's share of the suit market has doubled over the past five years to about 8 per cent and 15 per cent is

targeted.
What was really pleasing about the figures was the way Moss Bros has managed to maintain its gross margin despite an ambitious expansioo programme. Since the merger with Cecil Gee, costs have been kept well under control. The difficulty with recovery shares,

such as Moss Bros, is deciding at which poiot all the good news is finally in the price. On the basis of forecast pre-tax profits this year of £9.5m, and earnings per share of 37.5p, the shares stand on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 15, That is marginally lower than the rest of the stores sector and still good value.

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Lucy Roberts

Shandwick's Julian Bosdet had a touch of deja vu last week when he heard that secret video pictures were to be employed to catch kerb-crawiers. Bosdet tells me that a midnight search for early editions of the national newspapers once led him to City Road, the last home of the Independent. Several journeys around the block were necessary hut so slowly was he dri-ving that on his fourth

"sweep" he was removed from his car by the Met on suspicion of kerb-crawling. The defence of "looking for tomorrow's papers today"

baffled the officers, who thought oewspapers arrived with the milk. Fortunately, Mr Bosdet was allowed to retrieve his car and early edition of the Independent.

The dust has yet to settle at Scottish Amicable, which last week abruptly parted company with Graeme Knox, longstanding MD of the its investment arm. While Mr Knox insists it was always his intention to bow out at 50, word from insiders is that he did not fit with ScotAm's desire to look good for a potential investor. One alleged



Ticket to ride: two Concorde seats made £6,400 for charity

Even the Maxwell trial has to give way to our archaic legal ceremonies. Yesterday marked the start of the legal year, which meant Mr Justice Phillips was not in court but wigged up in full rig for a ceremony at the beginning of Michaelmas term. The event, the roots of which are lost in the mists of time, requires all judges and QCs to dress up for a service at Westminster Abbey, during which participants must fast. The Lord Chancellor then invites the 600 or so participants back to the House of Commons for a light buffet to case their hunger pangs. Let's hope Mr Justice Phillips' rumbling stomach is stilled in time for today's proceedings, the 73rd day of the Maxwell trial.

of its mutual status. The reshuffling of more executives just days after Mr Knox's departure is seen by the insurer as a way of making itself more attractive to a bid.

A great deal of money was spent at last week's Aviation ball at Grosvenor House. The event made £120,000 for Na-tional Children's Home Action for Children. The auction proved popular with catering company Compass, which bid for almost everything, according to one party-goer. Despite Compass's acquisition of French company Eurest International earlier this year, chief executive Francis Mackay found £6,400 to spare to bid for two Con-corde return tickets to New

marriage would have involved | York. Mr Mackay was about the abandonment by ScotAm | to hop on a con-Concorde flight when I spoke to him. He said the company will use the tickets for anyone who needs to go to New York in a. burry. Anyone intent on do-ing husiness with Compass should take note.

> Roger Holland of embattled Cray Electronics has finally appointed a new non-execu-tive deputy chairman: Alec Daly, former deputy director general at the CBL Profit warnings that followed the discovery of a large revenue hole in its communications subsidiaryhave dogged effort to stick the group back to-gether. No doubt Mr Daly's stint with Ford Europe, and GKN, where he was MD of its defence products, will stand him in good stead.

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through from Lyonnaise, and it's created activity in the sec-tor, said one dealer yesterday. The speculation drove up several other water shares, which for the last two months have been overshadowed by the takeover activity among the electricity companies. Thames Water climbed 15p to 549p, Southern gained 17p to 701p, South West spurted 22p to 536p, and 27p bisher at fett

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Shares in Northnmbrian

closed 18p higher at £10.13,

valuing the company at slightly more than £700m. "We're all

waiting for this bid to come

Northumbrian Water.

Dealers are convinced that Electricity shares were the takeover frenzy surroundmixed yesterday, amid coning electricity companies is cerns that the latest raft of takeabout to spill over into the over bids would end up being water sector. The ball may be scrutinised by the Monopolies set rolling this week with and Mergers Commission.

Those fears were duly reflected in the performance of Southern, which, as expected. attracted an agreed £2.8bn offer from National Power. Shares in Southern climbed 69p to 966p, but remained stubbornly sky of the £10.10 on the table from National Power, down 11.5p to 503.5p. Similarly, Midland Elec-

tricity, subject of a £1.95bn bid from PowerGen, eased 10p to 965p. PowerGen finished just 1p better at 560p on a day the market finished on a high note with the emergence of buyers in afternoon dealings. The FT-SE 100 share index.

which looked as if it was to give up the 3,500 mark in early dealings, closed 12 points ahead at 3,520.2 despite an unsteady

MARKET REPORT JOHN SHEPHERD

Hope of takeover frenzy pushes water companies up

start to trading on Wall Street. The FT-SE 250 also managed a double-digit advance, with a

10.1 point gain to 3,958.9. Action on the gilts pitch was more lively, fuelled by further hopes of another cut in UK interest rates following the release of the latest purchasing managers' index. Gilts record-

ed gains of up to half a point. Almost half the day's equity business was conducted in the last two bours of trading. While that burst helped to push up the total share volume, the final figure of 639 million was far from respectable. Most of the leading 100 sbares closed the session within a few pence either way of where

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they started. Indeed, one in six finished all-square.
Outside the leaders, Gartmore was in demand and rose 13.5p to 276p – just 3p adrift of this year's high – in the wake of last week's announcement that Banque Indosuez was looking to sell its 75 per cent stake. Mercury Asset Management, tipped as a possible buyer, firmed 1p to 900p. Gartmore, which shot up 39p on

market value of £556m. National Westminster Bank, also upped as a possible buyer for Gartmore, slipped 7p to 625p. That movement was out of line with the other clearers. Barclays firmed 1p to 750p,

Friday, now has a current stock

Lloyds added 6p to 696p, and TSB gained 2p to 278p. Vague whisperings about takeovers and break-ups were heard in several other sectors. Pearson improved 8p to 597p after Henderson Crosthwaite put a 900p-a share break-up val-ue on the media company and said it was vulnerable to a bid while shares traded below 600p.

are due on Friday from Thorn-EMI closed 11p up at £14.85p on renewed hopes that its intended break-up would happen sooner rather than later. The relentless climb of

Regent Inns continued. The shares, which started the year at 307p, closed 14p higher at 592p. There was some talk that the pub company might soon attract a bid.

Regent's annual meeting is on Thursday, and analysts are expecting David Franks, managing director, to make another bullish statement on current

OIL EXPLORATION

Drinks analysts are already looking for Regent to boost taxable profits in the current year to next June by around 32 per cent to £5.8m. The recent run in the shares has now put the company, which trades on a price/earnings multiple of 18.8, on a similar market rat-

Wetherspoon, up ip to 618p. Elsewhere, Frost Group, the petrol stations company, firmed a penny to 239p, as the shares were placed on Panmure Gordon's buy list.

ing to JD Wetherspoon. Results

Wembley remained in favour, gaining 5p to 294p. Jarvis Astair, a director, sold 20,000 non-beneficial shares held in trust at 2000 aced. held in trust at 290p each.

HP Bulmer, the cider comny, shed 1.5p to 498p ahead of the start today of an analysts' visit. Matthew Clark, though, rose 7p to 614p as worries subsided about its takeover of Taunton, up 3.5p to 229p.

286p, may have a fight on its hands to win control of Scantronic, up 0.5p to 10p, despite last week's agreed £2.5m takeover deal. Nisshen Electric, a French subsidiary of Kidder Electric of the US. has been buying Scantronic's 5.75 per cent convertible preference shares. Nisshen has bought 100,000, taking its holding to 26 per cent of the

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Shares in Hardy Oil & Gas were a notable mover on the oils pitch, rising 12p to 186p. There was some talk that the company, which has recently off-loaded a raft of assets to concentrate on four exploration areas, may soon announce some positive drilling results from the Bayul site near Australia.

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Before the cuckoos had roused this year we were promised wonder horse. Unusually for rucing, the prophecy has proved correct, but truer to the fluctuations of the turf the wrong colt has been in the heam for much

of the time. While Celtic Swing rests his vulnerable body it is now Lammtarra who will be remembered for illuminating 1995. Six months ago, the roles were reversed. As Lady Herries' colt pounded out his preparation in Sussex, Lammtarra was the invalid, fighting for this life in Dubai's state of the art veterinary hospital.

Visitors were not assaulted with details of his progress and hy the time Lammtarra returned to Britain he was one of the least heralded components of the Godolphin machine.

It is this absence of huild-up to greatness which forms the illusion that Lammtarra's abbreviated career is even shorter than it actually is. For the patient purists who have waited for another Mill Reef, the only other horse to capture the top trident of Derby, King George and Arc, the pleasure must be over all too quickly. Like children watching the bonfire night rocket, the object of their fascination has disappeared in an

Indeed the only people who

Adrian Maguire's pursuit of

the lead in the jump jockeys'

championship race was checked

yesterday when the stewards im-

posed a suspension for im-proper use of the whip.

RESULTS

£2.20. CSF: £5.09. Trio: £2.50.

PONTEFRACT 2.15: 1. WARROOK (I, Denot) 10-11 lay, 2. Benetom 7-2; 3. Arctic Faccy 9-2, 14 ran, 1½, 3½, (I Baiding, Kingsciere), Total £2.00: £1.10, £1.50, £1.30, Dual Forecast

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£4.20. DF: £42.30. CSF: £42.08. Traest: £661.96. Inc: £226.30. NR: Mountgate. 5.15: 1. CLEARLY DEVIOUS ID Harmson) 3-1 Enr. 2. Carphonere Lady 6-1 faz; 3. Dutie Malentino 20-1. 18 ren. Ind. 3. (Farehawe, Newmarhet). Totas: £3.20: £1.90. £1.80. £9.60. DF: £17.50. CSF: £23.86. Tro: £562.50. Lancerotte who first part the post, was disqualified and proced fourth. Jackpot: not won (pool of £29,792.47 carned forward to Wanwick today).

ned forward to Wannek today). Placepot: £49,30, Quadpot: £69,70. Place 6; £196,03, Place 5; £159,29.

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£4.20; £1.70, £1.60, £3.00, OF: £8.30, CSF £11.42, Imcast £87.11, Tric: £105.40, 4.00; 1. PAMPELO (Mr A Balding) 4-1; 2. Wild Strawberry 30-11 fer; 3. Daniel's View 13-2, 9 ran. ni, 20, £6 Balding, Fylest), Totas £5, 70; £1.50, £1.30, £2.20, CSP; £7.78, Theast: £20.53, Tro: £9.30, 4.30; 1. CHARGED (Mr S Mulcare) 13-8

n fax; 2. My Senor 10-1; 3. John Roger 16-1. 5 ran. 13-8 Jt fax Queen's Award (fell). 15. Jr.: IP Hobbs, Minchesid. Tobat £2.50; £1.40, £2.60. DF: £8.50. CSF £14.02; 5.00: 1. JAMBY'S CROSS (A P McCov) 1-5.00: 1. J

3 to: 2. Run For Dente 5-1; 3. Fever Pitch 16-1, 4 ran, 10, 20. (8 Balding, Pried), Total £1.30. DF: £2.10. CSF, £2.45.

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Placepot: £7.80. Quadrot: £5.00. Place 6: £4.91. Place 5: £4.56.

Richard Edmondson reflects on the this would be the season of the steps in Lammtarra's irresistible rise

> ther the Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket or the Gainsborough Stud in

Kentucky -Lammtarra's new task will be in the passion houses

now he might as well be. By the time of the Breeders' Cup Turf some idea of his place in the all-time list will have must command the greatest respect, for overcoming illness and rushed preparations to triumph where so many have flourdered before.

over a narrow frame appearing as though much furniture polish has been applied and there

Bird II, Mill Reef and Dancing Sunday's win was, of course, are the hlack, almost mournful,

ecessors as Arc winners, Sea

a great success for genes. Ceneyes. But everything he does is turies of playing around with the functional, hugely admirable, yet strangely without startling mating game have culminated in breeders suggesting nothing impact. In other worlds, he more complex than putting the would be Stan Smith to Ille Nasbest to the best in an effort to tase, Charlton to Best, arguably cooceive a classic beast. In practice this seldom works and the better but without the same ammtarra is very much an ex-But aesthetes always like to ception. As he is by a Triple Crown victor out of an Oaks see their horse produce a sudden burst of acceleration, just winner he will be expected to as Lammtarmake a good fist of his stud cara's sire Niffinreer. But it will not be that easy sky, used to deliver. There

Yesterday, Lanfranco Det-tori, the winning jockey, was in good spirits, for the first part of the day at least. "The first thing I did this morning was to run downstains and check the trophy was still there" he said. "I watched the video thousands of times last night and Lammtar-

thrilling manner, in America if ra is umbelievable. He is a lion." The Italian's achievement was noted by the course executive at Pontefract, where he was awarded a bottle of champagne, but officials also later horse and even though you wouldn't say he has a brilliant turn of speed like Mill Reef, Ninoted that he was bending the rules on La Alla Wa Asa in the closing contest. Dettori was iinsky or Dancing Brave, he just found guilty of irresponsible riding and, as this was his third such offence of the season, he was re-

The handicappers of Timeform oow have Lammtarra ferred to the Jockey Club. Pontefract must have seemed a Whip ban hampers Maguire's title pursuit Jacqui Oliver was banned



Sheikin Mohammed is to move another top immate of Henry Cecil's stable to Dubai, this time the three-year-old Charnwood Forest who was second to Bahri in the St James's Palace

to Dubai

Stakes at Royal Ascot.
The owner had already decided to transfer several Ceciltrained horses, including the highly promising two-year-old Mark Of Esteem.

Charnwood Forest is among the owner's choice of older horses to transfer from Europe to warmer climes for this

Others on the Sheikh's list are: Annus Mirabilis (Michael Stoute), Larrocha (Luca Cumani), Diffident (André Fahre), Overbury (David frequency on Fairy Park, the Loder), Linney Head and Torrential (both John Gosden).

weather from and shaped as though this sort of trip suits nowpdays when skith of 12 be-hind Band On The Run in a valuable Doncaster handicap. He issues off a 5th lower mark. Selection: BULSARA.

1 Higher Fizz, 10-1 Javenit, 22-1 orbers.
FORM GUEDE:
1HIGHER FIZZ may have won only a week seller over 1.1 furlongs last month, but she coned impressively by five lengths from Mannetts and connections went to 9,200ghs to retain her. That was probably a vide move, as she did well to be two and a half lengths second of 1.7 to Dance So Suite at Haydock on Saturday, when the extended 1.0 furlongs did not look for enough. The selection is 220 out of the handicep today, but she is still well weighted compared to earlier runs, such as when beatan just over a length in that to Grooms Gold here in July off a 6th higher mark. Paul Dos, who note her on Saturday, is again in the sodile and takes her weight down to 7st. She will be difficult to beat if staying this trop and there seems every chance that she will. High Patriarch also shaped as though he needed further at Haydock lest time when third to Merry Festivel. Bankered then, he has a vision on now and David McCabe takes off a handy 3th. Strictly at the weights, though, Jadwal is weighted to best High Patriarch judged on Thirsk running behind Kalou, but she was disappointing at Catiznick afterwards. Suger Mill, a useful burner horse, had Pretoria Dancer (used blinkered today) atmost two lengths behind when short-headed by Selska at Haydock last time and there is little to choose between them with a 2th turnaround in the weights. Star Rage looks to have enough weight, while Mills Medianality gave little enousegement at Haydock last time and stere is little to choose between them with a 2th turnaround in the weights.

4.10 CASTLETON CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 added 7f Penalty Value £5,421.

FORM SUIDE

SUBJECTION was having his first race in over a year when third to Cerrenits at Yermouth last morth and again ran well against Art Of Wer at Hamilton eight days ago. He should be suited by the eaths furiong today and can prove too quick for these rivels. Mossansile will find this easier then the York Listed race won by Didine and his short-heed second to indher makes him a live danger. Empty Quarter was the easy winner of a Brighton making over a mile, but this is tougher and he may find the drop in trip against him, while thir is -French ill Transference has yet to find his form in this country.

Selection: SUBZERO.

SETTRINGTON HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,400 added 3YO

51-4020 MONAASSB (47) (Malkourn Al Malkourn) E Dunlop 4 9 5 010040 M. TRASTEMBRE (FR) (17) (Connoiseur Syndicate) 1 Dunlop 6 9 3. 32001 Emptry QUARTIER (7) (Motellath Saced Bull Hab) I Gosden 3 9 1 41/43-32 SUBZERIO (8) (P D Sarly M Stone 3 8 13

Minimum weigns: 7st 7th. Two handkop weights: Prince Pollinore 7st 4th, Prime Property & Donne Fugi-ta 7st 3th, All Hannur & Carol Again 7st.

The soft ground was probably against RISKY ROMEO when he could finish only 17th of 20 behind Amond Rock, following a Warneck win from Eden's Star the time before – Toward a length and three-quarters back in third. Giles Bravery's gelding struck form with a vengeance in the account least year, finishing third to Epitides in a *Exmouth nursery in Cotaber before running out the impressive winner of two Lingfield races on Equitarek and he is worth another chance. Second Cello did not get a good run at Pontefract yesterday, no she did well to be fifth to Fanteay Rocking, and this extra furforing will suit. Lentenco Detton is again booled and Dave Morra's fifth has every chance. Star Of Gold has shown that forcing textors suit when winning at Leicester in August and should go well from a decent draw. The lightly-weighted Challey Descer is drawn next to Star Of Gold and is another who goes well from tort. Sweet Metre. a Southwell writer in May, was a creditable fifth of 19 to Ardio over

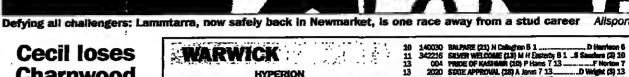
14-1 Sheffishayes, Star Of Gold, Sweet Mate, 16-1 oth FORM GUIDE

SETTING: Al Second Culic, 9-1 Mapin: Churter, 10-1 Cuban Reof, 12-1 Fraction N Mister Wooksound, The Mestral, Tomal, 14-1 Shaffishayes, Star Of Cold, Sweet Mata

BETTING: 7-4 Monascott, 2-1 Empty Quarter, 9-4 Subcoro, 10-1 6 Transmon FORM GUIDE

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BEVERLEY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 1m 6



1.30 Second Time Lucky 2.00 Caribbean Dancer 2.30 Ducking 3.00 Ailesbury Hitt 3.30 Ballymac Girl 4.00 Rival Bid 4.30 Brandonville 5.00 HAL HOO YAROOM (nap)

GOING: Good to Soft. STALLS: 2m - outside; rest. - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for Si; low for 1m 2f 16Byd.

Lift-hand course. The Si course has a dog-leg at half-wag.
Racecourse is west of city on B4095. Regular bus service from relistations at Warwick and Learnington Syn. ADMISSION: Cub 512 (16 to 24-year-olds 56); Tatterralls 58; Course 55. SIS All races

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Mag's Memory (1.30); Beverly Hills (2.00); Feinte (2.30); Be My Bird (3.00); Charmod Life (3.30); Lord Glenvara (4.00), Sibn And Studs (4.00); Real Madrid (visored, 2.00); Deadline Time (visored, 2.00).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Chief Of Staff (2.30) won at Folkestone on Wednesday; Ballymar Girl (3.30) won at Feydock on Saturday: LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Diamond Crown (4.00) sen: 179 miles by Martyn Wane from Melsonby, North Torkshire.

1.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) (DIV I) £5,000 added 2YO 6f

- 15 declared -BETHNG: 3-1 Second Time Lucky, 7-1 Meg's Memory, 8-1 others EBF MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 7f 25,000 HAPPY Forshase 8 11.

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18 WEST HUMBLE Laby Hornes & 11 6 Carl — 18 declared — BETTIMG: 7-2 Fijos, 6-1 Caribbean Dencer, 7-1 Fishull, 8-1 others MOP FAIR LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E)

3.00 SKETCHLEY SERVICES NURSERY HAND-(CAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 1m 201431 VA

- 20 decirred -BETTING: 9-2 Vanishing Point, 8-1 Allesbury HII, 8-1 Maid For Balleys 10-1 Rock Shirp, Sinjarcer, Zdenka, 12-1 others

3.30 RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICES HAND

Hin: 7st 7ib. Yue weights: Channed Life 7st 5ib, Nobie Bellesina 7st 4ib. BETTENS: 4-1. Bellymac Girl, 5-1. Flastiewen, 8-1. Well Arranged, 10-1. Co-leridge, Al Corniche, Romaltio, 32-1. Much You High, 16-1 others

4.00 GERALD EVE CLAIMING HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,650 added 1m 2f 169yds 13 60-006 SELISS AND STUDE QUEEN J WITH 3 D AS --16 450551. JALIMAD (27) 8 McMenon 3 8 12 --17 065524 BORN TO PLEASE (21) 9 Hams 3 8 12 --18 534610. SPITTRE BRODE (6) M McCourack 3 8 12
10 440403. MHEMEANLES (10) J WHSON 5 8 11.
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4.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) (DIV II) £5,000 2YO 8F 66 LAYTHE BLANE (22) W Jones 8 10 6 BRANDONVILLE (27) I Baiding B 7.... MINOLETTI E Dunton B 6....

5.00 EBF BRINKLOW MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO 7f O HAL HOO VAROOM (52) WR Hom 8 11 HANN-A-CHIEF (6) M McConnack B 11 _ PENCILLED IN PChapple Hyam B 11

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3.20 DOMINION OILS NOVICE (E) £4,000 added 2m 3f

1 145322 IS INDELEWARIE (18) (C) J White 5 11 5.

EXETER

HYPERION 2.20 Alltime Dancer 2.50 Harry From Barry 3.20 Lake Of Loughrea 3.50 Persian Saint 4.20 Kings English 4.50 Runaway Pete Receourse is 5 miles south-west of Ensier on A38. Exeter (St Devids) is on main London (Paddington) to Cortwall rulway line. ADMISSION: Grandstand & Paddock 25; Siver Ring 54.50 (accompanied under-16s free). CAR PARE: E2 on rails; £2 menbens: rest free SIS All races WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Name. LONG-DISTANCE HUNNERS: Without A Flag (2.50) & Ita Un-bellovable (3.20) sent 174 miles by J White from Wendover, Bucks. 2.20 DOMINION OILS NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 3YO 2m 1f 110yds

_I R Karamat _D38a JOSEPAD (17) | Jones 10 5 ... MY MUM SAID (12) P Lucien 10 5

- 14 declared -RETTING: 5-4 Alltime Dancer, 6-1 Baoli Street, 8-1 River May, 10-1 Clifton lateh, Mindeni Bid. 12-1 Brockton Light, 14-1 others 2.50 DOMINION OILS NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,600 added 2m 3f 31-3233 WITHOUT A FLAG (33) J Whop 5 11 7 P MicLongolin (3)

00 CHANCE ENCOUNTER (12) Mrs. 5 Williams 5 11 0.

HARRY FROM BARRY P Horbs 7 11 0... 10-5F JAMESWICK (10) W G M Tumer 5 11 0 ... 6604P LONG PURLONG (127) J Bodey 7 11 0...

= 14 declared = BETTING: 4-1 Decriet, 6-1 Ram With Joy, Killing Time, 7-1 others

SON'S BOY 9st 5th, Mr Flutts Box 11th, BETTING: 5-4 Runaway Pote, 7-1 V

16264-3 BISHOPS CASTLE (11) R Frost 7 11 0 . — 8 declared — BETTING: 7-4 in Unbellevable, 3-1 Kindle's Delight, 4-1 Bishops Casti 7-1 Lake of Loughrou, 8-1 King Ubed, Trust Doed, 12-1 others 3.50 RED CROSS AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICE HURDLE £2.600 added 2m if 110yds 154 LITTLE HOOLIGAN (12) (CD) G Edwards 4 11 5 - 9 declared -BETTING: 7-4 Sozzied, 9-4 Persian Saint, 5-1 Cades Bay, 8-1 others 4.20 DOMINION OILS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 1f 110yds 21/425-P MONE'S AM ACE (94) (C) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8 11 3 332-512 PHILIP'S WOODY (18) (0) (8F) N Honderson 7 10 11 _____ — 6 declared – Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weight: Starlap Sist 1tb. BETTING: 5-4 Kings English, 9-4 Phillip's Woody, 3-1 Mr Entertaines 10-1 Mine's An Ace, 16-1 Startep 4.50 WILLIAM HILL TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS 0) £3,500 added 2m 3f USR3197 THE SLOW (666) O Ebsorin 7 13.0 ______ P Holloy
295-225 WELSHMAN (24) (D) M Barchard 9 11 6 ______ D Gallagher
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an immortal threshold

will see a competitive Lammtarra in the flesh again are likely to be those who attend the Breeders' Cup gala at Belmont Park at the end of the month. If, as is planned, he retires win, lose or draw, he will have enjoyed an athletic career of under 12 minutes. His new task will be in the passion houses of ei-

both the property of the Maktoum family. Lammtarra means invisīble in Arabic and for most of us

emerged. By deed alone, he

Lammtarra looks the part, with his chestnut hide stretched

placed on a provisional mark of 134 - some way helow his pre-

The Fontwell stewards found October, plus 17 October. Maguire guilty of committing Maguire is seventh in the cur-the offence while he was riding rent table for the jockeys' title, 33 wins behind the leader, Tony McCoy, who had a winner at Fontwell yesterday.

are early rum-

blings that

himself will

have to deliv-

er yet again, and in a

he is to join the immortals.

That was an excellent perfor-

mance in Paris," Ian Balding, Mill Reef's trainer, said.

Lammtarra is such a tough

does it another way."

Lammtarra

for four days (11-14 October) by the Fontwell stewards for using her whip with unreasonable 8-11 favourite in the first race. King Chester 13th — and will do better with the ears furiong to cover. Esseyeffsee had Curtelace almost two lengths behind when they were second and fourth to Zeetaro here last time and there is little to choose between them at the revised weights, but Bulsara can have the beating of both. One who is sure to have his state of supporters is dymerals Hero, who has Lanfanco petton in the sadde for this first handlarp trut. He is open to improvement and there was pierary of encouragement in his Nottingham run behind Wild Palm. Almotharant wears blakers for the first time after managing only a well-beatan fourth to Another Time when gambled on at Brighton a week ago. Bobantyn will find this toughet than the 10-furiong selling bendicap site won here last time and is 6th higher, but Hawkinsh still seems failty treeted after his believester wan from Douce Maison — Curteines fourth — on what is his, that run for three months. Pline Hidge Lad is well handleapped compared to his best all-weather form and shaped as though this sort of trop suts nowedays when skin of 18 be-

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Wild Strawberry, the odds-oo

favourite, in the fourth event.

The ban will last from 11-14

HYPERION 2.40 Layanda 3.10 Hawkish 4.40 Freckles Kelly 3.40 High Patriarch GOING: Firm (Good to Firm in places). STALLS: Straight - centre; rest - inside

GOING: Firm (Good to Firm in places). STAILS: Straight = centre; rest = inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High from 5f to 1st.

Eleft-hand, light course, with a one mile straight.

Eleft-hand, light course, and places a success ratio of 12.96 and a loss to 251 level sister of 211.16; M H Easterby 12.00 winners, 202 ruinbers, 29%, 79%, 71; Neary - 18 winners, 156 runnars, 11.7%, 532.24; SF M F-PRECOLL - 15 winners, 21 stranged, 256 st. 51.87.0.

Eleft-hand, 17.7%, 57.30; Paul Eddery - 18 wins; 81 rides, 16.0%, 547.64; Pat Eddery - 18 wins; 17 rides, 25.3%, †514.58.

ELINESPED FIEST TIME: Mister Joel & Prime Counsections (2.10); Absorbances (3.10); Precords Dancer (3.40); Barrel Of Elopa (4.40); High Patrianta (viscord, 24.0).

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATE: None, LONG-DISTANCE EURNERS: Absorbances (2.10) has been sent 229 miles by Miss Goy Kellersay from Whitcombe, Donze.

3.10) has been sent 229 miles by Miss Gay Kelleway from Whitpombe, Dorset.

2.10 MALTON CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,650 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £3.449 048500 MELS BARY (20) Dots Roberts (Websteld) J L. Eyes 8 8 50 PRIME CONNECTIONS (17) (C J Boland) M Berby 8 6 ... _R Lappin 21 DR McCabe (3) 12 SD WE ADI .Hr ratio) A G Foster B 2 A Witheless (5) 14

2.40 EBF PICKERING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £4,003 COMPONE AT WO I FOR DELLEY YORKING 22-5-00-05

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O CHAPM PORET (LT) (Advance Stock) Miss I. Stocks 8 11...

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HUMAN POREM Absorpt H Technical Jones 8 11...

LEVANDA (Charles Rings) O Looker 8 11...

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MISS CORRES (L _M Feeton 3 RETING: 6-4 Lavanda, 7-4 Chi

FORM CLIDE

The well-bred Chebemont has stamins in her pedigine but appeared suited by the drop to this distance when three-quarters of a length second of 23 to Thracian at Notongham last month, the first two finishing five lengths clear. She should certainly win a race in due course to enhance her peddock value, but she may have to give best to newcorner LAYANDA to day. David Loder's Soviet Star fills, a half-suiter to the stable's useful literatio, cost 42,000ghs as a yearing and hes Landsanco Dettod in the saddle. Loder has a better than 50 per cent strike rate with juveniles and sent out another first time winner it Nexel Gazer at Brighton on Sunday. Sir Mark Prescot's Freg is worth noting in the betting, but her pedignes agests a longer trap will be needed end form Jones' Hules, a daughter of Mutahud, may pose a brister threat. BARCLAYS BANK HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 1m

tier, Compac Bay, 14-1 others

weights Crimary Descent of crisism has to start of word and its another with goes what in front. Sweet Mete, a Southwell winner in May, was a creditable fitth of 19 to Andio over six furlongs at Lescester less time. Seven furlongs should suit and he is drawn highest of air. Guilf Shaadi is much better on the ail-weather, while Mister Westboard and Regay Inabab less stiffer trails than when placed less time in a Hamilton apprendice see and Newcaste amoteurs' race respectively lest week. Lynda Ramsden's Master Charter is sure to have his supporters in his first handicap, despite a break since July. Selections RSSKY ROMED. 5.10 GUISBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS O) £5,250 added 3YO 6f Penalty Value £4,049

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BETTORIC: 5-4 Runaway Pete, 7-1 Weishman, 6-1 The 7-1 Exclusive Edition, 8-1 Jacon's Boy, 12-1 others

man, 6-1 The Glow, Chicks

I am now making a plea I never thought I should find myself making: Carling should be confirmed as captain of England

been one of my favourite rugby persons. His comments I find only slightly less vapid than: "It was a game of two halves, wasn't it, Brian?" His business, I thought, hreached the true meaning of the rules against professionalism long before they were finally jettisoned - and he was allowed to get away with it. Altogether, be was, I considered, both a contributor to and, at the same time, a product of the new, superficial, commercial brutal-

He was also a product of Geoff Cooke. A very good centre indeed, he would almost certainly have got into the team without Cooke's support. But he would not have been

made captain, certainly not at 22. It is not going too far to say that it was capable of varying a plan once it had Cooke who created Carling as a commercial concern in whom, for a fee, businessmen anxious to improve their performance were prepared to

repose their trust. Carling has been England's most successful captain, certainly since the 1920s, perhaps of all time. In the six seasons so far of the present decade England have won the Grand Slam three times (once hack-to-back) and the Five Nations Championship three times likewise.

It may sound ungenerous: hut it is nevertheless true to say that England could have done hetter if Carling had taken different decisions on the field - or if it had been some-

capable of varying a plan once it had been set. He did not appear to have full control of his team, particularly of Brian Moore, who often went off

on frolics of his own. There was a case for making Moore captain, with all the risks that entailed. Dean Richards would have gained the loyalty of the whole team and been a great favourite with the fans. But the strongest case wa undoubtedly for Rob Andrew.

Six years ago Andrew captained the British Isles magnificently in Paris. There is no reason to doubt that be would not have done the same for England if he had been given the chance.

But tick-tock goes the clock.



Andrew is off to Newcastle in a partmanagerial capacity. His distinguisbed career with Wasps is drawing peacefully to its close. He remains in the England squad for the vember. So does Moore, though nei-ther he nor Richards, still less Andrew, is now a realistic choice for

Carling similarly is in the squad. But, contrary to what he had sug-gested earlier, he has not been confirmed as England's captain.

I am now making a plea which I never thought I should find myself making that now, or as soon as possible, Carling should be confirmed as captain of England for the South African match. The 1996 season can

My reason for this appeal is, to begin with, compassion. Carling has bad a terrible time in the last few weeks. You can say with some

justice that the terrible time was largely of his own making and that, like Gary That woman is trouble" Lineker, he should have given the Princess of Wales a wide

But he did not. Maybe he was silly, but we all do silly things, especially where the opposite sex is con-cerned. What he and the Princess actually did, if anything, is none of

Nor is it that of anyone else except Julia, Mrs Carling (for the Prince of Wales, the other spouse in-volved, bas by now surely forfeited any legitimate interest in his wife's

This is not to say that what a rugby captain does off the field has no rel-

evance to his captaincy. A convic-tion for theft, fraud, GBH or whatever should undoubtedly disqualify someone from captaining either club or country. A mild flirtation with a Princess, on the other hand, should be a cause if anything for

congratulation. But it is not only compassion that is involved. The tabloid press must be shown that it cannot wholly ruin people's lives nn a whim.

It has already brought to a conclusion the careers of numerous ministers and MPs. In the end, John Major always buckled under the pressure. Jack Rowell now has the chance to demonstrate that he is made of tougher stuff than the Prime Minister.

Fittler forced to come of age

t is the achievement of Brad Fittler, thrust into the Aus-Ltralian captaincy before his time by events beyond his control, that no-one can honestly dispute his right to it.

In normal circumstances, Fittler, who will lead Australia out opted after long deliberation Daley - Meninga's heir-against England in the opening and negotiatinn for the Roost- apparent on last year's Kangagame of the World Cup at Wembley on Saturday and who had been classified as an FAC - future Australian captain since his teens, would bave had to wait longer than the age of 23 for an honour which is taken very seriously indeed.

But these are not normal circumstances. At an age when Fittler should still be learning, he bas become a symbol of the struggle for the game's soul.

When Rupert Murdoch engineered his coup to try to take over the game in Australia, the Australian Rugby League needed to retain the biggest stars who were not already committed to the Super League. The biggest was Fittler, the youngest-ever State of Origin player, the youngest Kangaroo tourist, and the most complete talent of his time.

At a price, and a very handsome price, he became their highest-profile-loyalist, the man to whom they can point when Super League claims to have all the best players and say: "Not yet, you haven't." Murdoch's cashiers would have been equally generous, but Fittler says that it was never a real con-

Tve always been very comfortable with the ARL. They seem to me to have looked after the game pretty well over the last 100 years or so.

They have certainly looked after Brad Fittler pretty well. The game in Australia might be disfigured beyond recall by being spbt down the middle. hut that split has made millionaires of a generation of élite players. Fittler has heen one of the main beneficiaries. Apart from his lovalty contract with the ARL, his move from Penrith to the Sydney City Roosters has also been lucrative.

It is one of the repercussions of the battle for power that players who find themselves on the wrong side of the front line have to move. Penrith, the club with which he had played since his schooldays, are committed to Super League; Fittler to the ARL. He had to go, but a fiveyear contract, worth about £350,000 a season must ease the

Fittler could just as easily bave gone to Manly, to be coached at club level by his Australian coach. Bob Fulton, but

Dave Hadfield talks to the Kangaroo kid who has been thrust into captaincy and made to carry the weighty expectations of a nation in the Rugby League World Cup

ers, where he could force one of his Wembley opponents, Phil Clarke, to move from loose forward to second row, "I'm glad to have it all sorted out," be says. "It was a big decision and I took my time over it."

For a young knock-about type of bloke, there have heen plenty of hig decisions to be made this year. There were those who believed that the pressures on him would prove too much. "But it hasn't really made much difference to me. I still go about things in pretty much the same way, on and off the field," he says,

At an age when Fittler should be learning, he has become a symbol of the struggle for the game's soul

major criticism of Fittler: that he does not act like an Australian captain - a position which is invested with far more mystique than here.

There was, for instance, a notorious television appearance during which be admitted to having his head shaved while out on the booze. Conduct unbecoming to the dignity of his role, they were quick call it. It was a free gift to Super League partisans and even his manager admitted that a few rough edges needed a little polishing.

"The last thing I'd want to do is change his personality," Wayne Beavis said. "However, there are a few off-field pressures which come with the national captaincy and he has to accept them with the same standard be does the on-field pressures."

There is a danger of rewrit-ing history here, because Australian captains - from Graeme Langlands, through Fulton, Max Krilich, Wally Lewis and Mal Meninga – bave rarely been choirboys and have frequently been prone to the odd word out of place without the fabrie of society unravelling. According to Fulton, Laurie roo tour, who would have taken over the captaincy had he not opted to sign for Super League would bave had exactly the same problems. "The really important thing is that be commands the respect of the players on the field and there is no ques-

tion about that," be says.

Nothing would be more damaging to the ARL's continuing tussle for credibility than a bogus Australian captain - someone the world knows should not be there. The first essential is that the captain must be an automatic choice for the side," Fulton says, "Brad would he the first man chosen, regardless of who was available. And as for how be has handled the responsibility, the proof was there for everyone to see in the Test series against New Zealand

"Apart from the captaincy, we gave him the responsibility for the tactics and the kicking game, which were absolutely Olympic class. He showed that he can cope with it." He did, and they won 3-0. Frank Endacott, the New Zealand coach, admitted: "He had the sort of kicking game you dream about. He That, in fact, has been the one was the difference between the two sides in the series."

Fittler will be equally pivotal to Australia's World Cup campaign. Rarely has an Australian game-plan been so concentrated on one man; even in Lewis' heyday in Fittler's international position of stand-off, there was an equally shrewd tactician in Peter Sterling alongside him.

It is not to denigrate the players around him - hecause we know to our cost the depth of talent in Australia - to say that he dominates this particular line-up. At Wembley, be will try to hreak England's midfield defence with his physical power. open them up with his side-step, or by-pass them with his long passing or his varied kicking game. However Australia choose to permntate their op-

tions, Fittler will be at the centre of their play. His outstanding natural ability is laced with resentment at the denigration of his Ausa second-rate side, a shithouse side," he says. "I don't think New Zealand would say that." And nor does he believe that England will be able to do so after Saturday.

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Football



Before his time: Brad Fittler displays the power that has prompted Australia to make him captain Photograph: Allsport it has to be," he said.

Offiah fitness blow for **England**

DAVE HADFIELD

England's Gary Connolly is likely to miss the whole of the Centenary World Cup and Martin Offiah is rated doubtful for the opening match against Australia at Wembley on Saturday.
Connolly has been told to rest

for a month after a bout of pneumonia, so any hope of him being fit in time for the semi-finals on 20 and 21 October seems forlorn. The England coach, Phil Larder, will decide today whether to replace Connolly in his 25-man squad, or wait another week to see whether he has a chance of

Under the tournament rules, Connolly could be replaced on medical grounds midway through the competition. Whether that replacement comes now or later, the favourites for a late call-up are Richard Gay of Hull or Salford's veteran, Steve Hampson, who were watched in opposition to each other by the England coaching co-ordinator, John Kear, on Sunday.

Offiah, another of the potential match-winners upon whom England were relying, was unable to train yesterday with leg and ankle injuries. A decision on his fitness for Wembley will be made tomorrow, hut Paul Newlove, who also sat out yesterday's ses-

sion, is expected to be fit.
The New Zealand coach. Frank Endacott, has hinted strongly that he intends to use the Leeds stand-off, Tony Kemp, at loose forward in the tournament. "He is being considered for the job," Endacott said. "He could make a bailplaying back-rower, with good vision and a kicking game."

Another of New Zealand's British-hased players, Henry Paul, might have to settle for a more peripheral role. Endacott, much criticised for his reluctant use of the Wigan player in the three-nil series defeat by Australia this year, indicated that he might be frustrated again.

"Henry is a very exciting

player, but he is still very green. He can win a game for you, but he can lose it for you as well," be said. "His value to us is as a utility player rather than a specialist at the moment."

Endacott will name his side for Sunday's first match against Tonga tomorrow. His strategy will be to name his strongest line-up for every match, rather than mixing and matching as some coaches intend. "It could mean that some players will not

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

In his own words, Ted Mac-Dougall followed the "typical footballer's way" after his re-tirement in 1980, one of many ex-professionals to see his name over the door of a public house. When, in 1985. he married for the second time his life changed direction. With his French-Canadian

wife, Lyne, whom he had met in Barbados, the most prolific of 1970s centre-forwards he scored nine goals in Bournemouth's 11-0 FA Cup victory over Margate in 1971

– left England for Montreal, then moved to Florida, Colorado and finally Vancouver, where he has established a successful career in property

development. "I came originally to work with Alan Ball at the Whitecaps," he said. "I got into build-ing houses in 1987. We had some people build a place for ourselves and I thought: "I can make a mess of doing that just as well as these guys'." Now 48, he is planning a new home in a ski resort in British Columbia.



The scorer of 256 League goals in a seven-club career that also took in Manchester United, MacDougall is a coach for the British Columbia Soccer Association, and is bringing 35 youngsters to England this week to play teams from Manchester City, Bolton and Everton.

Last year, the former Scottish international was linked with a takeover bid for Boumemouth, for whom he scored almost half his goals. "I was approached and interested, but after some initial talks there was no further contact and nothing has come of it." he said. Jon Culley

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Other sports

TODAY'S NUMBER:

The number of times Steve Davis has suffered a whitewash in his 17-year professional snooker career. Davis, whose only other 5-0 defeat was in 1988, was embanassed again by Nigel Bond in the Thalland sic in Bangkok yesterday.

Basingstoke set the early pace Paul Dixon pulled a goal back for Durham, but after some inice hockey

With the Benson and Hedges

Cup preliminary rounds over, a return to league action brought an early season warning from Basingstoke Bison that they will, once again, make the early-season running.
Their first game of the week-

end saw them welcome Durham Wasps, who were on an eightgame imbeaten run. The game was Basingstoke's from the off, with three goals in 12 minutes.

tervening nonsense which saw a player from either side thrown out of the game, Basingstoke went on to win 6-1.

The following day, Basingstoke travelled to Newcastle Warriors and, once again, won in the first period. Tony Red-mend and Scott Morrison were on target with the goals that told in a 4-3 win, which could have been heavier were it not for Kevin Dean making some out-standing saves for Newcastle. The heroes of the weekend

is the same as a win against anyone else, and to come from 6-I down to take the lead with seven straight goals with 12 minutes left is little short of miraculous.

Even more impressively, Gavin Armstrong in the Kings net was carrying an injury and bad to be belped from the ice and replaced by Alex Barnes.
Barnes conceded two goals for an 8-8 draw, but kept out another 16 shots that could have given Sheffield the win. Results, Sporting Digest, page 23

Simpson on top of world again

Canoeing

Lynn Simpson overcame a fivesecond penalty in the first run to win the women's individual kayak at the World Cup final on the River Occee in Tennessee. and retain the overall title she won for the first time last year. Simpson, who won the World championships on her home

the first run. A fast and precise second run gave her victory over Anne Boixel of France by more than four seconds. Simpson was particularly pleased with this triumph because it came at the venue that will be used for the 1996 Olympics.

Gareth Marriott made up for his disappointing 15th place in

water in Nottingham four weeks ago, was in second place after the World Championships with victory by more than five sec-Victory by more than five seconds in the Canadian singles.

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DERICK ALLSOP reports from the Nürburgring

Another championship lost, the next instantly contemplated, and for that Damon Hill is prepared to adopt the more ag-gressive style of driving again proven to be essential in modern Formula Ooe.

Michael Schumacher's awesome victory in the grand prix of Europe here has, as Hill concedes, effectively secured him a second consecutive title, the Williams-Renautt driver being

after crashing out of the race. This is a brutal husiness, where only the strong prosper.

Schumacher had, yet again, demonstrated the way to succeed. The 26-year-old German is blessed not only with wonderful feel for a car, hlinding pace and an extraordinary racing brain, he is also an uncompromising fighter. It takes all those qualities to make a winner. Ayrtoo Senna had them, and Britain's last champion, Nigel Mansell, was nothing if oot combative.

Jean Alesi also outfought Hill oo Sunday, refusing to yield Williams-Renautt driver being reduced to the role of van-quished, if gracious, onlooker and placing his Ferrari across the bows of the Williams, causing the damage which put victory be-

yond reach for the Englishman. Hill, who has always professed himself dedicated to upholding the ideals of fair play and common decency, even at the height of his confrontation with Schumacher, oow says: "The way Michael drove was typical of the aggressive approach he has. That's the way he drives. I can drive like that again. It seems

That is the way it is likely to he again next seasoo. Schumacher in a Ferrari will be no less committed. Alesi, swapping places with him, is determined to convince Benetton-Renault he can be just as competitive. The same goes for Gerhard Berger.

to be that is the way it is."

More ominous still for Hill could be the potential indicated by Jacques Villeneuve in his early reconnaissance runs with
Williams. Their relative times
this week in testing at Imola
should be enlightening.

was plang on the present very
tually having sufficient time to
stop a third time and still beat
Alesi to the flag.
Perhaps if Williams had in-

has not had the ruh of the green this season, and that he is oot alone in performing second best. Williams' racing operation has generally been inferior to Benettoo's. At a crucial stage of Sun-day's race, for example, Hill was stuck behind Alesi and an ear-lier than scheduled pit stop was surely advisable. Driver and/or team lacked either the instinct or flexibility to accommodate such

a move. Schumacher had, by then, made his second stop and was piling on the pressure, even-

Hill can reasonably claim be structed David Coulthard to slow in the closing stages and allow Hill to take third place, the latter would have stayed on the track and at least prolonged the championship contest. That would also have kept the team closer to Benettoo in the constructors' championship.

Schumacher, 27 points clear of Hill with a maximum of 30 available from the final three races, is about to be rewarded for

Benetton, 20 points in front of Williams, are within sight of a maiden constructors' triumph. Williams, as well as Hill, need to be more aggressive next year.

Coulthard, confirmed here as a McLaren-Mercedes driver for 1996, cootends Hill is capable of rising to a challenge, but offers an interesting theory as to why the former motorbike racer may not be able to match Schumacher.

He said: "I've got nothing but respect for the way Damoo responds, especially in pressure sit-uations. He didn't show that here because he spun off chasing me and it's very unusual for him to is a difference, it's probably because Michael's been racing oo four wheels since he was 11 years old, and Damon started when he

Brown sticks

with Collins

was 23 and missed all those formative years. Damon has shown he can race aggressively, hut at the moment Michael is picking up the wins and Sunday was his best ever." Coulthard acknowledges he

cannot be sure wheo he will be in a race-winning car again after this season, but hopes McLaren are beginning the climb back to prominence. With the resources and commitment McLaren have, and the commitment 1 can see

Football

Craig Brown, the Scotland man-

ager, is backing John Collins to

overcome his problems at Celtic

and produce an international

display in oext week's friendly against Sweden in Stockholm.

Collins has been out of

favour at Parkhead ever since

he criticised the Celtic manag-

er, Tommy Burns, in a televisioo

interview, although he was re-

called for Saturday's 2-0 defeat

at home to rivals Rangers. Bot midfielder Collins, who

has been linked with a possible

exchange deal to English cham-

pions Blackburn with Stuart

Ripley going in the opposite di-rectioo, will still take his place

in Brown's squad oamed today.

ries concerning John Collins in

the Scotland squad," stressed

Brown. "He has been an out-

standing professional for us and

1 feel it will be a refreshing

change for him to make the trip.

He will be included unless he has

particular problems with his

However Brown, who will

also be naming a squad for the

B international oext Tuesday, is

unlikely to spring many surpris-

es. Richard Gough, the captain

of Rangers tipped for a possible

"We have oever had any wor-

his efforts with another title, and make a mistake like that. If there into a winning situatioo," Coulthard said.

He would doubtless have preferred to stay at Williams, but oo firm offer was made and McLareo took the opportunity denied them by the independent contracts board last winter. Niget Mansell yesterday re-

fused to cootemplate retirement, saying that he is ready to return oext season. "We are going to make a decision within the next two or three weeks whether or oot we accept a full-time drive in 1996," Mansell said. "I won't be there making the oumhers up in whatever I do. Atlantic or in Formula Onc."

autohiography, is unlikely to be hrought back into the fold.

tinue along the usual lines, while he will use the B in-

ternational to give experience

to some of the younger mcm-

bers. The B international is ef-fectively for players with six caps and under, although Chelsea's

John Spencer is likely to be one

of two players choseo with

more experience. Paul Telfer.

Paul Bernard, Scot Gemmill

and Craig Burley are all ex-pected to be in the B squad,

Motherwell defensive pair

Rob McKinnon and Brian Mar-

tin will be joined by former

team-mate Phil O'Donnell, who

is oow with Celtic. Five goal-

keepers will be chosen with Andy

Goram and Jim Leighton con-

testing the first-choice berth for

the senior international, while

Brian Gunn and Nicky Walker

year-old Crusaders goalkeeper

who played for Scotland at

youth level, will be brought

into the squad for experieoce. Meanwhile, Gary Locke, the

Hearts defender, could be out

for at least a month because of

a knee injury suffered in Sun-

day's Edinburgh derby. There

are fears that he suffered carti-

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Kevin McKeown, the 27-

will be in line for the B team.

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Brown's main team will con-

Cleveland's new tribe go to war

The junior relationship of the Almighty to baseball in Cleveland right now may be divined from a phone call to the Catholic cathedral of St John the Evangelist, "For informatioo oo Cleveland Indians raffle tickets, press ooe... for the Mass schedule, press seven... for the Confessioo

schedule, press eight." Only one confession here is any longer acceptable - that the ridiculed, beloved and finally resurgent Tribe are indubitably the best team io baseball, and that if heavenly justice has any meaning the 1995 World Championship pennant should be dispatched without further ado to the shores of Lake Erie.

A World Championship penoant... in Cleveland? Uotil this year, no way. The Indians have not come close since 1954, when the New York Giants swept them 4-0 in the World Series. Since then, the team has had only 10 winning seasons. If baseball had promotion and relsince have fallen through the trapdoor at the bottom of the GM Vauxhall Conference.

films depicting the misadventures of the worst team in the extra-base hits in a season. land dispensed with fiction and used the lodians. And who

were Cleveland to sue? But now the Cleveland Indians, like the renaissant city that idolises them, are back and touched with magic. Tonight, the team once known as the "Mistake by the Lake," take oo the Boston Red Sox in their first

play-off game in 40 years. Chief Wahoo, a grinning red-painted Indiao with a feather in his hair - surely the most politically incorrect mascot in baseball - beams from every window in the city. A farm is the sentimental choice around system once the laughing stock these parts, the smart money

Rupert Cornwell reports on the transformation of baseball's team of

perennial losers

of baseball has yielded a crop of superstars, while every acquisition, from the veteran Eddie Murray to the washed-out starter turned record-breaking closing pitcher José Mesa, has proved a masterstroke. The result is the most lethal Tribe since Geronimo's Apaches, built on strong pitching, solid defence and, above all, the fiercest batting line-up around.

For the entire season the Indians have been flirting with a winning percentage of .700, a feat achieved by fewer thao a dozen teams in history. Five hitters are averaging over 300, led by Albert Belle. He is oot the Holy Church's idea of a saint but if the pennant does return egation, the Indians would long to Cleveland, his No 8 shirt may be pinned to the wall of St John's as a sacred relic. In a strike-shortened with the has time they have been the ami-able pushovers - even two tory and is only the eighticipay. er ever to collect more than 100

> After a 17-7 thrashing of the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, the Tribe had won their 100th game, increasing their lead in the American League Central Division to 29 games, the widest margin in Major League history. And so Cleveland fans dream of an October to remember, culminating in an all-Ohio World Series, an Interstate 71 match-up with the Cincinnati Reds, baseball's aristocrats and the runaway winners of the

National League Central. But if a Reds-Indians finale



says it will be the Atlanta Braves to face Cleveland come 21 October. The Braves have been carried to their customary division victory in the National League by their equally customary dom-inant pitching, led by the re-doubtable Greg Maddux.

But to make the Series Cleveland, like everyone else, must now survive not one but two eliminating rounds. For

the first time, baseball is em-

ploying a wild-card format - in both the American and National Leagues an extra team is joining the three division winners. Purists loathe it because the oldfashioned race for the championships is devalued, but in a year of mostly one-horse division races, the chase for the extra post-season slot has maintained some suspense.

Even for the Tribe, the going may get tricky. The first-stage Bostoo's surpris

round of five games, in which there is no home-field advantage for the team with the best record - they play two at home and three away - is tailor-made for an underdog with a hot pitcher and a slice of good for-tune. After this, the winners go through to the traditional bestof-seveo championship series, with the winners squaring off in

AL East gives them a shot at their first world championship since 1918. By capturing the AL wild-card berth, the New York Yankees will be in the post-seasoo for the first time in 14 years. In the NL, the Los Angeles Dodgers, complete with Hideo Nomo, the Japanese pitching sensation, will cause trouble for anyone - eveo the Braves. But if God is truly in his heav-Bostoo's surprise win in the en, this is Cleveland's year.

the starting line-up as Man-chester United bid to overturn their 3-0 Coca-Cola Cup firstleg deficit against York City at Bootham Cresceot tonight. There is every chance that Eric will start the game," said Alex Ferguson, the United manager, who will be without the injured Denis Irwin and prohably Nicky Butt, although Roy Keane

and Andy Cole are available. The game will be the first the Freochman has played away from Old Trafford since the eveots at Selburst Park in January, which resulted in his eight-

Eric Cantooa is likely to be in it clear that he hoped for protection measures wheo his side travels away from home following Cantona's return.

However, Keith Usher, the York secretary, denied there was any need to step up security. "As far as we're concerned it's just a normal game to us," he said. "Whether it was Cantona or Maradona makes no difference, no player needs protection here."

York's understudy goalkeeper, Andy Warrington, 19, will make his full debut in place of Dean Kiely, who is ruled out by the broken nose and facial injuries he sustained in the 3-0 win at Hull City on Saturday.

Dallas left red-faced by resurgent Washington

American football MATT TENCH

For most of the 1990s the Dallas Cowbovs have tried to prove that anything the San Francisco 49ers can do, they can do better. On Sunday they may have tak-en the trend a little too far.

Six days after the 49ers created the higgest shock of the season by losing to the Detroit Lions, the Cowboys caused an even bigger one wheo they were beaten by the Washington Redskins. Though the Lions were winless before their Monday-night tri-umph, they are a talented, if in-big play early on - Darren Wood-

shown a capacity to match the league's best (last year they beat Dallas). The Redskins, on the other hand, have been in disarray since the departure of Joe

Gibbs two years ago.
The Cowboys lost their quarterback, Troy Aikman, who was hit in the first series of the game, but their head coach, Barry Switzer, refused to use it as an excuse for a 27-23 defeat. "We wouldn't have beaten them if Troy Aikman played today. Troy Aikman doesn't play defense," Switzer said.

That defense came up with a

son's interception return gave Dallas a 10-3 lead - but from theo on was unable to contain Terry Allen, who ran for 121 yards, or Gus Frerotte, who threw for 192 yards and a pair of

touchdowns.

The Redskins scored 24 unanswered points and, despite a late rally behind Aikman's back-up, Wade Wilson, held on for a memorable win. "I believe that's the best team in football," said Norv Turner, Dallas's offensive coordinator until he took over as Redskins head coach last season. "This is our bestwin. I see guys everywhere on the field getting better but the bottom line is winning."

muscle. Opinions vary as to when he might be back. They're saying two to three weeks, but I'm hoping I can come back next week," Aikman said.

No sooner had one unbeaten record gone, than another bit the artificial turf. Minutes after the Dallas defeat, the St Louis Rams. whose 100 per cent record was rather more of a surprise, lost 21-18 in Indianapolis. Marshall Faulk, the rising star of the run-ning back profession, galloped 177 yards and three scores. Which left only the Miami

Marino heroics to hang on to their unblemished record after a pulsating encounter in Cincinnati. Marino threw for 450 yards,

the most significant being the last 16, a TD pass to O J McDuffie with 63 seconds left, giving the Dolphins a 26-23 lead. That proved enough, though even then the Bengals quarterback, Jeff Blake, navigated Cincinnati into position to attempt a 45-yard field goal - which Doug Pelfrey

The contest pitted Shulas senior and junior of the head Dolphins among the NFL go-liaths still standing, and even they coaching fraternity, with victory, as usual, going to Don, the father

Dave, about as tough as you can get," Shula the elder said.

The 49ers bounced back from their panic in Detroit with a victory over the New York Giants that was less convincing than a 20-6 scoreline suggested. Any sort of victory was enough for the Jacksonville Jaguars, whose 17-16 win in Houston was the first by either of the league's two ex-

painsyon teams.

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Cantona's next step

ager Andy Roxburgh in his Thomas and Craig Levein.

Frank Burrows yesterday resigned as manager of Swansea City for "personal reasons". The Second Division club have won just two of their 10 League games this season and are one point above the relegation zone.

Burrows took charge at Swansea in March 1991 and guided them their first Wemhley appearance - and victory over Huddersfield - in the 1993/94 Autoglass Trophy. Robin Sharpe, the club's chief executive, said: "Everybody at the ground is deeply shocked at this

unexpected announcement."
Leicester City, the First Divisioo leaders, have agreed a £100,000 fee with Avr United for Frank Rolling, after the French defender, formerly with Stras-

bourg, completed a month's loan. Stoke City have confirmed that they will listeo to offers for their top scorer, Paul Peschisolido, in order to finance new signings. Birmingham City, whose managing director Karren Brady is married to Peschisolido, have expressed an interest in re-signing the £2m-rated Caoadian.

England's youth avert China crisis

Badminton

England ensured that their sixmatch series against China would be a success when they scored a last gasp 3-2 victory at St Austell, writes James Leigh.

The win put the home country 3-1 ahead with two matches to play, ensuring them against descat in the series. The side was packed with young and inexperienced players, of-fering hopes of England's brightest future for many years.

Neil Cotterill and John Jouinn completed the winning lead, overcoming a first game crisis before sealing victory in the second game. Their 18-14, 15-2 success over Zhu Feng and Ji Xinpeng was their second victory in two matches in the series. Quinn also won the mixed doubles with Sarah Hardaker, who was very impressive.

Punters put off by Obree's record attempt

Cycling

The Superdrome international meeting scheduled for Man-chester Velodrome on 13-14 October has been cancelled hecause of poor advance ticket sales, writes Rohin Nicholl.

Graeme Obree, who recaptured the world 4,000 metres pursuit title in Bogota last week. was due to attack the world hour record he has held twice, but the promoters, Sport For Television, cried off because of "appaling ticket sales". Obree, however, may still try for the record within the oext six weeks, pos-

sibly in Bordeaux.

John Bagnall, of Sport For Television, said: "We are going to be struggling to get the velodrome half-full. There is no way we could go ahead with riders such as Tony Rominger riding to empty seats."

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ALAN WATKINS

Why Will Carling should be confirmed as England captain 22

Rugby Union Correspondent

Such is the dearth of outsiders realistically challenging for the post-World Cup England team that Jack Rowell may be forced to postpone the necessary generational change longer than be

would ideally want.
This was the message of the manager's remarks at Twickenham yesterday when he repeated that he would not be burried into either confirming or denying Will Carling as cap-tain, though in deference to Carling's personal problems Rowell has decided tonight's first England session of the season at Marlow will be beld

This had not been his intention before Will and Julia Carling separated, but then nor had it been his preference to continue with the old guard whom Carling has captained. The one selection certainty is that Rowell will restore a proper openfor the No 8 position.

As things stand, Rowell appears to favour Rory Jenkins of Harlequins over the perennial pretender, Neil Back, and he is also contemplating the inclusion of David Pears as the outside-half successor to Rob Andrew.

"Half the current England team will disappear in the relatively short term." Rowell said. "We need to have people ready

back row and that will entail a direct confrontation between there aren't many people he postponed.

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> Pragmatism may force him to go in against South Africa on 18 November with the same familiar players who have served England so well and so long. And that, as the manager admits, would mean the more dynamic style of play be has

"We're going to need to re-place key people in order to do it, and that's a sensitive thing," he said. In this context though the manager would never say so publicly - Andrew would have to he the prime candidate. Hence Rowell's extreme interest in Pears's form and fitness after years of incessant injury.

Once Stuart Barnes retired, it might have been good for the claret suppliers but it

might not have the Barnes computer in his head hut he is a naturally gifted player. I'm delighted that he is lasting games and, even more impor-

tant, with the rugby he is helping Harlequins to produce."

Pears's ability to get his line moving, in conjunction with a back-row change, might even suffice for now to bring Row-ell's plans to partial fruition.

Clarke, Richards and Rodber-I didn't think that would last the Five Nations hut they did handsomely so they stayed together.

But Clarke is not a natural open side and Clarke and Richards have to vie as to who is No 8 this season. We need an open side who is going to get around with greater facility if we're going to play the game we aspire to and Jenkins is doing very well. This season we need a No 6 and No 8 and an outand-out No 7."

Rowell frustrated by lack of English talent Rugby's old rivals bury the hatchet

The gangway opened up be-tween professional rugby union and rugby league will lead to un-paralleled – and hitherto unimaginable – co-operation between the Rugby Football Union and the Rugby Football League to ensure professionals stay exclusively with one or the other for the length of their con-tracts, writes Steve Bale.

"We are looking for an arrangement with rugby league so that if you have a rugby league contract you can't go and sign a rugby union contract and vice-versa," John Jeavons-Fellows, chairman-elect of the RFU executive, said at Twick-

enham yesterday. To this end, discussions have already taken place and Jeavons-Fellows expects a mutually beneficial conclusion. For the past century any such contact, let alone outright cooperation, would have been unthinkable.

The union is already bracing itself for legal action if it carries on with a six-month stand-down for RL professionals com-ing into rugby union and the 120-day qualification period it imposes on players changing clubs. "I wouldn't want to give the impression we would fall on our sword," Tony Hallett, the

RFU secretary, said. Hallett and Bill Bishop, the union's president, had previ-ously indicated they would expect to lose any restraintof-trade case hut, whatever the outcome, recourse to law would suit the union's purpose by simply delaying any conclusion. In the meantime, as Hallett pointed out, there is not yet any trade to restrain and the Eng-land players' contracts will still take another three weeks to sort

Hallett also renewed doubts about English participation in European club competition the subject of bitter contention between the RFU and its leading clubs - when he embraced the principle while rejecting anything like the format to be used in this season's prototype

Leicester, Bath and others will be unhappy that Hallett would give no guarantees for next season. "Playing in a dark stadium on a cold, wet, windy Wednesday with no crowd support is a possibility with some of these fixtures," he said. He would now like everyone else plans that have yet to he made

Scotland's International Board representative, Fred McLeod, has called for a qualifying period of four to six months for both overseas and rugby league players wishing to play rugby union in Scotland.



Shearer faces threat of Ferdinand

GLENN MOORE

Football Correspondent

The land of lire and lambrusco must seem more attractive to Alan Shearer than ever. No sooner does he pledge his future to Blackburn Rovers than the champions' defence of their title collapses and their European campaign becomes the worst since the British Expeditionary beach at Dunkirk. Now even his In most of those matches previously unchallenged status as

England's No 9 is under threat. That is the obvious conclusion to be drawn from Les Ferdinand's recall to the England squad for next week's friendly in Norway. Significantly, it is one which Terry Venables did vesterday.

The goalless draw with Colombia last month was Shearer's seventh blank international on the trot. The last time he scored was in September 1994against the undernanding Unit-ed States' defence. Since then England have managed eight goals in as many games - in-cluding the abandoned Dublin

Shearer has played as a lone striker ahead of someone like Peter Beardsley. It is a role Ferdinand fills, with more apparent comfort, for Newcastle. Shearer plays in a more conventional striking partnership at club level. "I may have to look at some-

nothing to dismiss when he revealed his latest 20-man squad one else in that position," Venvealed his latest 20-man squad after every game and he [Shear-er] is no different. He is not a special case.

Venables also brought in Ferdinand's Newcastle team-mate, John Beresford, along with a gemine Geordie, Steve Stone of Nottingham Forest. Gareth Southgate, of Aston Villa, was another new face but there was still no place for Matt Le Tissier

Venables was quick to reassure Ince that he was not being omitted because of his refusal to join in the summer's Umbro Cup. Instead it was to give him more time to settle in Italy, where his club, Internazionale, have already sacked their coach. "Twe seen two of his games and read some of ENGLAND SQUAD

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his comments where he says he thought I would give him more time," Venables said.

However, the England coach was less keen to discuss Le Tissier, who has not been involved since his 27-minute appearance in Dublin in February.

It is up to him to get himself in the squad," Venables said.

Terry Venables yesterday

reached a last-minute libel set-

tlement with Tony Berry, the Tottenham deputy chairman, over an allegation contained in

the England coach's book, Ven-ables, The Autobiography, first

The High Court in London.

heard yesterday that Berry was

incensed and embarrassed"

by the allegation be had paid

published in October 1994.

DAVID HELLIER

called when he was supposed to be taking training.

£20,000 for documents stolen from one of Venables' companies. Berry, a Tottenham di-

rector for eight years, never had

any such documents or paid any money for such documents. his

counsel said in a statement

Having accepted they had wrongly implicated Berry in ac-

quiring stolen documents, Ven-

ables, the publishers Michael

Joseph and Associated News-

papers (who had serialised the book in the Mail on Sunday) are

read out in open court.

Le Tissier was robbed of a fi- he will be able to show Beres- fielder, he has a hard edge-Alex nal chance to do so because of ford, Southgate and Stone what the squad's early timing. Venables normally makes his aners. The first two are ball-playnouncement on Tuesday, which would have given him the chance to watch Le Tissier play last night. However, Venables was in ing defenders of the type Venables is keen to introduce into the side. Beresford's inclusion is due to Graeme Le Saux's court yesterday afternoon for a libel case brought against him by injury, but Southgate is in ahead of Neil Ruddock; Colin Cooper. David Unsworth and Ugo Tony Berry, a director of Tot-tenham. Though the case was Eniogu. Unlike them he has midfield

settled there was the danger that In truth, whatever Le Tissier Crystal Palace last season - and did last night it was unlikely to can thus bring the ball out of defence, or pick up a deep-lying op-ponent, in the continental sway Venables. Of more concern was the prospect of the case runshion. ning through the week - and the possibility of Venables being

Stone, despite his lack of hair, is only 24 but has already suffered a broken leg three times. A busy and thoughtful right-sided midFerguson describes him as "a tough wee bugger".
To include him, Venables

dropped David Batty while John Barnes is missing because of a "domestic problem". John Salako is also dropped while David Platt and Darren Anderton are injured and Stan Collymore not match-fit. Tim Flowers has been sidelined for a month, after haying an operation on his left elbow restricting his movement for most of the season.

Venables has agreed to allow Paul Gascoigne to miss England's training sessions on Fri-day and Saturday, so that he will be fresh for Rangers' game at Aberdeen.

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That will now not happen and

Venables settles libel action thought to have paid Berry around £50,000 in damages. In

all, the legal costs are believed to be about £200,000. Venables awaits a further libel trial set for this time next year, when Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, intends to sue over allegations made about counsel, Lord Williams QC, said his client's intention in writing his book was to protect his reputation by answering al-

Torrance has belated invitation to Wentworth

Golf

TIM GLOVER

For the second year running, the International Management Group has been forced to listen to reason over its composition of the field for the Toyota World Match Play Champion-ship. Sam Torrance, playing the best golf of his life at the age of 42, has received a belated invitation to the autumn classic at Wentworth next week.

Despite the fact that he was leading Europe's Order of Merit, Torrance had not heard from IMG. Ken Schofield, executive director of the European Tour, had a word with IMG on Torrance's behalf over the weekend. That, and the withdrawal of Seve Ballesteros, enabled the company to invite Sam to the ball

Twelve months ago, when Ballesteros was in prime form. IMG - Mark McCormack conceived the tournament - omitted the Spaniard. They took a lot of flak, but were able to perform an about-turn when Greg Norman withdrew. As it is

their own event, IMG tends to fill the 12-man field with its own clients. If they were reluctant to recognise the argument for Torrance, it probably has something to do with the fact that he is a former client. He left IMG five years ago, and in the company's eyes, if there is one thing worse than a non-IMG man, it is an ex-IMG

Anyway, Ballesteros has taken five months off, and Torrance's presence at Wentworth will make him at least £30,000 better off. That is what the four first-round losers will take home. The winner receives £170,000. Two IMG clients who will be missing for the first time since 1986 are Nick Faldo (IMG say he is unavailable) and Ian Woosnam, who has not won a tournament this year.

Ideally, the field would include the season's four Major winners. It has two of them, Ben Crenshaw, who won the Masters at Augusta, and Steve Elkington, who won the US PGA Championship in Los Angeles defeating Colin Montgomerie in On Sunday evening, Big Monty, by virtue of finishing joint third in the European Open in County Kildare, overtook Torrance at the top of the Order of Merit by £980, Montgomerie has £626,651.40, Torrance £625,671.28, and they could renew their rivalry at Wentworth, although the World Match Play does not count towards the money list. Last year, the title went to Ernie Els. who beat Montgomerie in the final.

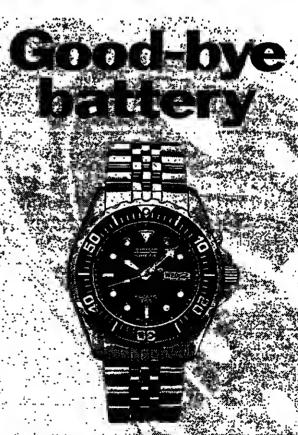
John Daly, the Open champion, and Corey Pavin, the US Open champion, have not been given releases from the US four to play at Wentworth. Montgomerie and Torrance are the only two Britons in the field, but there are two other members of the victorious Ryder Cup team, Bernhard Langer and Costantino Rocca. Langer moved up to third in the Order of Merit with his triumph in the European Open, and this week he hosts the German

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